



Alaska State Legislature

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Current Version: SB 156

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 156

Short Title: LAYOFF/NONRETENTION OF TEACHERS

Summary:

- Repeals AS 14.20.140(a), which requires school districts to notify tenured teachers of layoff or non-retention for the following school year by March 16.
- Requires school districts to notify both tenured and non-tenured teachers of layoff or non-retention on or before the last day of the school term.

Benefits:

- Alleviates unwarranted stress on tenured teachers while the final level of state funding for public education is determined by the Legislature.

Background:

- Current law requires school districts to notify tenured teachers by March 16 and non-tenured teachers by or on the last day of the school year if the teacher is to be laid off or non-retained for the following school year. Because state funding for public education is usually not determined until the end of the legislative session in May, the March 16 deadline causes undue stress and uncertainty for teachers whose positions are ultimately funded once final levels are determined. SB 156 removes the March 16 deadline for tenured teachers.