Amendment to AS 14.03

Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.03.016. A parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child. (a) A local school board shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and school administrators, adopt policies to promote the involvement of parents in the school district's education program. The policies must include procedures

(1) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to object to and withdraw the child from a standards-based assessment or test required by
the state;

(2) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to object to and withdraw the child from an activity, class, or program because of concern regarding

(A) content involving human reproduction or sexual matters;

(B) inquiries into personal or private family affairs of the student or family that are not a matter of public record or subject to public observation;

(3) providing for parent notification not less than two weeks, but not more than six weeks, before any activity, class, or program that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters is provided to a child and requiring written permission from the child's parent before the child may participate in the activity, class, or program;

(4) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to withdraw the child from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state for a religious holiday, as defined by the parent;

(5) providing a parent with an opportunity to review the content of an activity, class, performance standard, or program;

(6) ensuring that, when a child is absent from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state under this section, the absence is not considered an unlawful absence under AS 14.30.020.

(b) The policies adopted under (a)(1), (2), and (4) - (6) of this section may not allow a parent categorically to object or withdraw a child from all activities, classes, programs, or standards-based assessments or tests required by the state. The policies must require a parent to object each time the parent wishes to withdraw the child from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state. The policies adopted under (a)(3) of this section must require written permission from the child's parent before each separate activity, class, or program is provided to a child that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters.

(c) In this section,

(1) "child" means an unemancipated minor under 18 years of age;
(2) "local school board" has the meaning given in AS 14.03.290;

(3) "parent" means the natural or adoptive parent of a child or a child's legal guardian;

(4) "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.03.083 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) A school district and an educational services organization that has a contract with a school district may not contract with an abortion services provider.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.03.110(a) is amended to read:

(a) A school district, principal or other person in charge of a public school, or teacher in a public school may not administer or permit to be administered in a school a questionnaire or survey, whether anonymous or not [, THAT INQUIRES INTO PERSONAL OR PRIVATE FAMILY AFFAIRS OF THE STUDENT NOT A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD OR SUBJECT TO PUBLIC OBSERVATION] unless written permission is obtained from the student's parent or legal guardian.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.03.110(d) is amended to read:

(d) The school shall give a student's parent or guardian an opportunity to review the questionnaire or survey described under (b) or (c) of this section and shall give the parent or guardian written notice regarding

(1) how the questionnaire or survey will be administered to the student;

(2) how the results of the survey or questionnaire will be used; and

(3) who will have access to the questionnaire, [OR] survey, or results.

* Sec. 5. AS 14.30.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A school district may not permit an abortion services provider or an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider to offer, sponsor, furnish course materials, or provide instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.