

**State Board of Education & Early Development**

**Tentative Agenda – Special Meeting**

**April 25, 2011**

Via video/teleconference

Originating in the Auxiliary Board Room

Department of Education & Early Development

801 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Juneau, AK 99801

*April 25, 2011*

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- 12:00 PM
1. Call to Order and Roll Call .....Esther Cox, Chair
  2. Pledge of Allegiance .....Esther Cox, Chair
  3. Disclosures of potential conflicts of interest.....Esther Cox, Chair
  4. Approval of the Agenda .....Esther Cox, Chair

12:05 PM Public Comment .....Esther Cox, Chair  
Public comment is open on agenda items only. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. In the event that there is more than fifteen minutes of public comment the board may move to amend the agenda to extend the oral hearing to accommodate those present or on line before 12 noon, or those signed up prior to the meeting, who did not have an opportunity to comment. The board also reserves the right to adjourn at a later time. **The public comment period is an opportunity for the board to hear the public’s concerns. The board will not engage in discussions with members of the public during the comment period.**

***WORK SESSION***

Regulation to Adopt

- 12:10 PM
5. Alaska Performance Scholarship (Grace Period) .... Commissioner Hanley  
.....Eddy Jeans

***BUSINESS MEETING***

Regulation to Adopt

12.25 PM 6. Alaska Performance Scholarship (Grace Period) .... Commissioner Hanley  
.....Eddy Jeans

12:30 PM Board Comments

12:45 PM Adjourn

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education & Early Development**

**April 25, 2011**

**From: Mike Hanley, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 5**

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◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to adopt proposed changes to 4 AAC 43.035, Grace period for curriculum requirements.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- Regulations for the Alaska Performance Scholarship allow the commissioner to grant high school graduates in the classes of 2011 and 2012 a one-year grace period to complete the curricular requirements of the scholarship, if certain standards are met. Students receiving a grace period for curriculum already meet the scholarship's requirements for GPA and assessment scores.
- The proposed amended regulations would allow students to be eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship during the year in which the grace period is granted. Additionally, the proposed amended regulations would allow districts to receive state funding for required curriculum taken by students during the grace period.
- Behind this cover memo is the proposed amended regulation. At the time of printing, no comments had been received. If comments come in by the end of the public comment period, which is April 20, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., they will be forwarded to you.
- Eddy Jeans, Education Policy Coordinator, will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 6.

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4 AAC 43.035(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner may grant a student a grace period to meet curriculum requirements for the Alaska performance scholarship, if the standards set out in this section are met. A grace period grants the applicant one extra year of eligibility after the date of the applicant's high school graduation to complete the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030. A student who is granted a grace period is [NOT] eligible for the scholarship during the year in which the grace period is granted. (Eff. 2/25/2011, Register 197; \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_)

**Authority:** AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810 Sec. 9, ch. 14, SLA 2010

4 AAC 43.035(e) is amended to read:

(e) A student who received a grace period and does not satisfy the requirements of (d) of this section is **no longer** [NOT] eligible for the scholarship. (Eff. 2/25/2011, Register 197; \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_)

**Authority:** AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810 Sec. 9, ch. 14, SLA 2010

4 AAC 43.035 is amended by adding a new section to read:

(f) A school district may sponsor a student who is granted a grace period under (a) of this section and elects to not enroll in an eligible institution during the grace period. A sponsoring district shall allow the student to enroll in a public school in the district during the grace period for the purpose of obtaining the curriculum requirement for which the student was granted the grace period. A student who enrolls for the purpose of obtaining a missing curriculum requirement will not be considered to have completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade under 4 AAC 06.076 during

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the student's grace period. A school district that sponsors a student under this subsection may include the student in the district's student count under 4 AAC 05.035(c), unless the student is 20 years of age or older at the time of enrollment. Funding will be provided to the sponsoring district under 4 AAC 09.040(c) for each missing curriculum requirement in which the student is enrolled. (Eff. 2/25/2011, Register 197; \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

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◆ **OPTIONS**

Adopt the proposal as presented.

Amend the proposed regulations and adopt the amended proposal.

Seek more information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the proposal as presented.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the amendments to 4 AAC 43.035, Grace period for curriculum requirements.