

Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education: Legislative Update

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Quick Update

- SB 224: Hearing, Education, 2/26/10 @ 8:00am
- HB 206: Meeting, House Education, 2/23/10 @ 8:00am
- SB 109: Referred to Finance on 2/18/10

Current Council Priority Bills

HB 187
(Autism Insurance Reform)

SB 32
(Medicaid Rate Review)

SB 109
(Repeal High School Exit Exam)

HB 206
(High School Assessment/ Postsecondary Classes)

SB 221
(Leg. Task Force on Higher Ed.)

SB 238
(Amending Medicaid Eligibility Threshold)

House Bill 206

High School Assessment and Postsecondary Classes

Sponsors: Sens. Stevens, McGuire

Status: House Education

Meeting today at 8:00am in House Education Committee. Next, Finance.

Full Text: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=SB0221A&session=26

Senate Bill 109

Repeal Secondary School Exit Exam

Sponsor: Education

Status: Referred to Finance

Referred to Finance on 2/18/10.

Full Text: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=HB0206A&session=26

Scholarship Plan: SB 224

Governor's Performance Scholarship

Sponsor: Rules by Request of the Governor

Status: Education

"An Act establishing the governor's performance scholarship program and relating to the program..."

Full Text: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=SB0224A&session=26

What's New?

- The Governor signed the first bill of this legislative session into law last week, on February 17. This was Senate Bill 59, which allowed low-speed electric vehicles on roads with speed limits at or below 45 mph.
- The Governor is to lead a march to raise awareness for domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska on March 31. He encourages all Alaskans to take part in this event within their own communities.

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