

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Budget Summary

Component: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

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Component Mission

To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators.

Component Services Provided

1. Investigating allegations of misconduct by members of the teaching profession, and insuring that all persons against whom complaints are filed are awarded due process.
2. Disciplining educators who have been shown by a preponderance of the evidence to be incompetent; have committed an act of moral turpitude; are guilty of noncompliance with school laws of the state or regulations of the department; have violated ethical or professional standards or contractual obligations.
3. Providing information on certification, ethics, and other educational issues.
4. Reviewing the regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification and providing input representing the views of the Commission.
5. Preventing unfit educators from entering the profession in Alaska by doing background checks and evaluations on applicants when requested by the department.

Component Goals and Strategies

1. Investigate all properly filed complaints against educators.
2. Conduct hearings whenever evidence is sufficient to bring a formal accusation.
3. Respond to all requests for Code of Ethics information. Promulgate new Code of Ethics standards when the need arises.
4. Make recommendations for changes in certification standards and/or procedures whenever a study results in a formal Commission position.
5. Provide consultations regarding problem situations at the time of the request.
6. Provide the PTPC handbook to all schools and interested persons.
7. Publish a semi-annual newsletter regarding professional ethics to be distributed to every educator in the state.
8. Make the Code of Ethics brochure available to all educators and other interested persons.
9. Conduct a background check on each certification applicant who has a conviction or a previous disciplinary action on his record and to make a determination on the applicant's fitness to teach.
10. Make presentations regarding professional, ethical standards and the Commission to student teachers, certificated educators, and the public.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

* The ability of the PTPC to investigate all complaints timely or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the resources available. The PTPC is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.

* The PTPC continues to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and the responsibilities of the PTPC.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

* Completed 82 investigations of complaints against educators.

* Conducted 11 appeal hearings.

* Disciplined 7 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure.

* Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.

* Presentations were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks; Alaska Pacific University; a University of Alaska Fairbanks Principal Seminar; newly hired teachers in the Mat-Su School District; the Kenai and Mat-Su school districts' administrators on professional ethics and the PTPC.

* Published and distributed a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.

* Presentations were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks, and Alaska Public University on professional ethics and the PTPC.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030

4 AAC 12

4 AAC 18

AS 14.20.370-.510

AS 44.62

20 AAC 10.010-.900

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	128.0	140.7	143.5
72000 Travel	9.4	20.7	20.7
73000 Contractual	47.3	48.2	48.2
74000 Supplies	2.6	2.0	2.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	2.0	2.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	187.3	213.6	216.4
Funding Sources:			
1156 Receipt Supported Services	187.3	213.6	216.4
Funding Totals	187.3	213.6	216.4

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Annualize FY2003 COLA increase for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units (\$.5)

In FY2003 COLA increases were not in effect for the entire year for the General Government, Confidential and Supervisory bargaining units. This request adds funding to pay the COLA for these bargaining units for the full year in FY2004.

\$75 per Month Health Insurance for Non-covered Staff (\$2.3)

The employer contribution to health insurance for non-covered staff will increase by \$75.00 from \$630.00 per month to \$705.00 per month.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	0.0	0.0	213.6	213.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government Bargaining Unit	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
-\$75 per Month Health Insurance for Non-covered Staff	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3
FY2004 Governor	0.0	0.0	216.4	216.4

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	106,928
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	2,150
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	36,157
			<i>Less 1.19% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,735)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	143,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2