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TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DYSON, Kohring, Mulder, Rokeberg
SENATORS Halford, Pearce, Donley, Green, Ward

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to charter schools."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

1 * Section 1. AS 14.03.250(a) is amended to read:

(a) A charter school may be established as provided under AS 14.03.250 -
14.03.290 upon the approval of the local school board and the state Board of
Education of an application for a charter school. The state Board of Education may
not approve more than 60 [30] charter schools to operate in the state at any one time
AND SHALL APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOLS IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY
BALANCED MANNER AS FOLLOWS: NOT MORE THAN 10 SCHOOLS IN
ANCHORAGE; NOT MORE THAN FIVE SCHOOLS IN FAIRBANKS; NOT MORE
THAN THREE SCHOOLS IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH; NOT
MORE THAN THREE SCHOOLS IN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; NOT
MORE THAN TWO SCHOOLS IN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU; NOT
MORE THAN SEVEN SCHOOLS LOCATED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE,
AND THESE SEVEN SCHOOLS SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS NEARLY
AS POSSIBLE IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED MANNER THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE STATE].

* Sec. 2. AS 14.03.255(c) is amended to read:

(c) A charter school shall operate under a contract between the charter school and the local school board. A contract must contain the following provisions:

(1) a description of the educational program;
(2) specific levels of achievement for the education program;
(3) admission policies and procedures;
(4) administrative policies;
(5) a statement of the charter school's funding allocation from the local school board and costs assignable to the charter school program budget;
(6) the method by which the charter school will account for receipts and expenditures;
(7) the location and description of the facility;
(8) the name of the teacher, or teachers, who, by agreement between the charter school and the teacher, will teach in the charter school;
(9) the teacher-to-student ratio;
(10) the number of students served;
(11) the term of the contract, not to exceed a term of 10 [FIVE] years;
(12) a termination clause providing that the contract may be terminated by the local school board for the failure of the charter school to meet educational achievement goals or fiscal management standards, or for other good cause;
(13) a statement that the charter school will comply with all state and federal requirements for receipt and use of public money;
(14) a clause providing that the charter school's budget may be increased to reflect operating cost savings achieved by the charter school; in this paragraph, "operating cost savings" means the estimated value of educational or related services provided by the district to all schools in the district that are not provided to the charter school;
(15) other requirements or exemptions agreed upon by the charter school and the local school board.
* Sec. 3. AS 14.03.255(d) is amended to read:

(d) A charter school may be operated in an existing school district facility or in a facility within the school district that is not currently being used as a public school, if the chief school administrator determines the facility meets requirements for health and safety applicable to public buildings or other public schools in the district.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.03.275 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.03.275. Contracts; duration. A contract for a charter school may be for a term of no more than **10** [FIVE] years [AND MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND JULY 1, 2005].

* Sec. 5. Section 9, ch. 77, SLA 1995, is repealed.