

**SENATE BILL NO. 107**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 3/6/03

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the state centralized correspondence study program, to funding for  
2 educational programs that occur primarily outside school facilities, and to the duties of  
3 school boards of borough and city school districts and regional educational attendance  
4 areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.07.020(a)(9) is amended to read:

7 (9) exercise general supervision over [PROVIDE ACCREDITED]  
8 elementary and secondary correspondence study programs offered by municipal  
9 school districts or regional educational attendance areas; the department may  
10 not offer [AVAILABLE TO ANY ALASKAN THROUGH] a centralized [OFFICE  
11 OF] correspondence study program;

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.14.090(2) is amended to read:

13 (2) provide for, during the school term of each year, an educational  
14 program for each school age child who is enrolled in or a resident of the district;

1 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.14.120(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) An inoperative school board shall, if practicable, pay the tuition and  
3 boarding costs necessary to enable the school age children within the district to attend  
4 school in another district. If a child in an inoperative school district is not attending  
5 school in another district, the department shall provide **information on**  
6 correspondence courses and other materials and charge the school board of the  
7 inoperative district an amount equal to the actual cost to the department.

8 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.17.300 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 14.17.300. Public school account.** (a) The public school account is  
10 established. The account consists of appropriations for distribution to school districts,  
11 the state boarding school, and for [CENTRALIZED] correspondence study under this  
12 chapter.

13 (b) The money in the account may be used only in aid of public schools,  
14 including community school programs, and for [CENTRALIZED] correspondence  
15 study programs under this chapter.

16 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.17.400(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) If the amount in the public school account is insufficient to meet the  
18 amounts authorized under (a) of this section for a fiscal year, the department shall  
19 reduce pro rata each district's basic need by the necessary percentage as determined by  
20 the department. If the basic need of each district is reduced under this subsection, the  
21 department shall also reduce state funding for [CENTRALIZED] correspondence  
22 study and the state boarding school by the same percentage.

23 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.17.430 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 14.17.430. State funding for correspondence study and similar**  
25 **programs.** Except as provided in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for [THE STATE  
26 CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM OR] a district  
27 correspondence program, including a district that offers a statewide correspondence  
28 study program, **or a study program that occurs primarily outside a school facility,**  
29 includes an allocation from the public school account in an amount calculated by  
30 multiplying the ADM of the correspondence **or study** program by 80 percent.

31 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.17.600(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) Within two weeks after the end of the 20-school-day period ending the  
 2 fourth Friday in October, each district shall transmit a report to the department that,  
 3 under regulations adopted by the department, reports its ADM for that counting period  
 4 and other student count information that will aid the department in making a  
 5 determination of its state aid under the public school funding program. [FOR  
 6 CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY, THE OCTOBER REPORT  
 7 SHALL BE BASED ON THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH THE FOURTH  
 8 FRIDAY IN OCTOBER, EXCEPT THAT SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS  
 9 SHALL BE COUNTED AS A PROPORTIONATE FRACTION AS DETERMINED  
 10 BY THE DEPARTMENT.] The department may make necessary corrections in the  
 11 report submitted and shall notify the district of changes made. The commissioner  
 12 shall notify the governor of additional appropriations the commissioner estimates to be  
 13 necessary to fully finance the public school funding program for the current fiscal  
 14 year.

15 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 14.30.010(b)(10) is amended to read:

16 (10) is enrolled in

17 (A) a state boarding school established under AS 14.16; or

18 (B) a full-time program of correspondence study approved by  
 19 the department; [IN THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROVIDING AN  
 20 APPROVED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM, A STUDENT  
 21 MAY BE ENROLLED EITHER IN THE DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE  
 22 PROGRAM OR IN THE CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY  
 23 PROGRAM;]

24 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 14.30.350(8) is amended to read:

25 (8) "school district" means a borough school district, a city school  
 26 district, a regional educational attendance area, or a state boarding school [, AND  
 27 THE STATE CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM];

28 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.25.110(7) is amended to read:

29 (7) certificated [TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
 30 OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT AS CORRESPONDENCE  
 31 TEACHERS,] teachers in skill centers operated by the Department of Education and

1 Early Development [,] or in Mt. Edgecumbe School;

2 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 39.25.160(e)(7) is amended to read:

3 (7) certificated [TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT AS CORRESPONDENCE  
5 TEACHERS,] teachers in skill centers operated by the Department of Education and  
6 Early Development [,] or teachers at Mt. Edgecumbe School;

7 \* **Sec. 12.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.