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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary (SSSB 100 (Work Order No. 28-LS0425\I))

TO: Senator Mike Dunleavy
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FROM: Jean M. Mischel
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Establishes two new grant programs: (1) a personalized learning opportunity grant program in the Department of Education and Early Development to provide funding to the Alaska Association of School Boards for the purpose of awarding subgrants to school districts to provide technological equipment, support, and training; and (2) an innovative approach to learning grant to provide grants to school districts to encourage innovative approaches to learning.

Section 2. Requires correspondence study programs to include an individual learning plan, as described in the bill, for each student enrolled. Prohibits the Department of Education and Early Development from imposing requirements on a student enrolled in a correspondence study program if the student is proficient or advanced except for requirements described in sec. 2 of the bill. Provides for annual student allotments to be paid to a student's parent or guardian for the purpose of meeting instructional expenses of a correspondence student. Allows for the purchase of materials from a private or religious organization under specified conditions and for a carry-over of an annual allotment for a student from year to year.

Section 3. Increases state funding for correspondence programs from 80 percent of ADM to the full ADM of the program.

Section 4. Provides for an effective date.

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