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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142()

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GATTIS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to boarding schools operated by school districts; relating to housing**
2 **expenses for charter schools; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1. AS 14.16.200(a) is amended to read:**

5 (a) A district that operates [, BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2005, BEGAN
6 OPERATING] a statewide or district-wide residential school [EDUCATIONAL
7 PROGRAM] for students in grades nine through 12 that has been approved by the
8 department under regulations adopted by the board is eligible to receive a boarding
9 stipend as reimbursement for the costs incurred by the district in operating that school
10 [PROGRAM]. To be eligible for reimbursement for costs, a statewide or district-
11 wide [THE DISTRICT-OPERATED STATEWIDE] residential school operated by a
12 district [EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM] must provide a suitable student dormitory,
13 food service, and daily access to a public school offering the appropriate grade level
14 for a variable-length or 180-day school term as provided under AS 14.03.030 for

1 **the full school year.**

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.16.200(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this
4 section are

5 (1) one round trip on the least expensive means of transportation
6 between the student's community of residence and the school during the school year if
7 the district expends money for the trip; and

8 (2) a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses as
9 determined by the department on a regional basis and not to exceed the following
10 amounts:

11 (A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), **\$1,230** [\$410];

12 (B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), **\$1,200** [\$400];

13 (C) for the Interior Region (Region III), **\$1,452** [\$484];

14 (D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), **\$1,509** [\$503];

15 (E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), **\$1,776**

16 [\$592].

17 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.16.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (e) A district may cooperate with an Alaska Native organization, as defined in
19 20 U.S.C. 7546(2), or a nonprofit organization for the provision of room and board
20 services to students enrolled in a statewide or district-wide residential school operated
21 by a district under terms and conditions required for licensing in the state and as
22 specified by the department in regulation.

23 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.260(d), AS 14.16.200(c), and 14.16.200(d)(2) are repealed.

24 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).