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SSSB 47 Relating to Boarding Schools

***Sec. 1.** This section removes narrow applicability to schools operating before June 1, 2005. Currently three school districts are receiving the stipend: Nenana, Bethel and Galena. The Department of Education is currently soliciting applications for three additional boarding schools statewide.

Sec. 1 also adds magnet schools that have variable-length terms but have a 180-day school year.

***Sec. 2.** Section 2 increases the monthly stipend rate based on the region of the state the boarding school is located.

***Sec. 3.** Section 4 allows school districts to contract room and board.

***Sec. 4.** This section repeals AS 14.17.200(c) which limited DOE to approving three additional boarding school applications.

Sec. 4 also repeals AS 14.16.200(d)(2), the definition for "district-operated statewide residential program" as Section 1 now included both statewide and district-wide residential schools.

***Sec. 5.** This Act has an immediate effective date.