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SSSB 47 Relating to Boarding Schools

***Sec. 1.** This section eliminates the restriction for when the boarding school began operation so any boarding school would qualify if they applied to Department of Education and were approved AND the legislature approved funding for the school. 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.

Section 1 also adds "variable-length" school terms to allow the program to expand to magnet schools.

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

***Sec. 3.** Section 3 allows school districts to contract room and board services with a Alaska Native organization or a non-profit.

***Sec. 4.** This section repeals AS 14.17.200(c) which provided that the Department of Education could approve three additional boarding schools that were established prior to January 1, 2005. With the repeal, the Department of Education can approve any boarding school application and take the approval to the legislature to obtain funding for the schools stipends.

It also repeals AS 14.16.200(d)(2) the definition of "district operated statewide residential educational program" as in section 1 we now have statewide and district wide residential programs.

***Sec. 6.** This Act has an effective date of July 1, 2013.