

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Summary of Changes to CSSSHB 27(JUD) from Version G.A to Version S

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(x) If the department transfers a child from one placement setting to another and it is reasonable and in the child's best educational interests, the department shall immediately, and in advance of the transfer if possible, coordinate with the school the child is attending to ensure the child is permitted to attend that school through the end of the school term if the child's new placement is in the same municipality and connected by road to the school.

(y) The department shall hold a meeting not more than 30 days after the date the child is transferred from one placement setting to another to provide an opportunity for the child's parents or guardian, grandparents, and foster parent or out-of-home caregiver to give input regarding whether it is in the child's best interest for the child to continue to attend the child's current school. The department shall notify the child's parents or guardian, a grandparent who is entitled to notice of hearings under AS 47.10.030(d), and the child's foster parent or out-of-home caregiver at least seven days before the meeting. The department may conduct a meeting under this section in person, by telephone, or through electronic communication.

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(x) In any team-decision meeting the department holds to address the potential or actual transfer of a child from one placement setting to another, the department shall ask the participants for input regarding whether it is in the child's best interest for the child to remain in the child's current school for the remainder of the school term.

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for the cost of transportation for the child, the department shall pay the costs of transporting the child to school. The department shall work with the family or agency where the child is placed to arrange for transportation. The department shall consult with the school district regarding the child's best interests, but the school district may not override the department's decision to allow a child to remain in the current school through the end of the school term.