## ALASKA STATE SENATE



## **Explanation of Changes in Committee Substitute for CSSJR 9**

## Version S to E

**Title Changes:** The following has been added to or removed from the title in order to conform to changes and added provisions;

- REMOVED: relating to an appropriation bill funding of public education grades kindergarten through 12
- ADDED: relating forward funding of public education grades kindergarten through 12

**Section 1:** The proposed separate appropriation bill in Version S is removed, thereby leaving Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska unchanged.

**Section 2:** Adds a new subsection to Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska to require continued forward funding of public education grades kindergarten through grade 12 with a mechanism<sup>1</sup> for enactment should education forward funding for FY 2022 in the FY 2021 operating budget take effect as well as a separate mechanism<sup>2</sup> for enactment if the education forward funding for FY 2022 in the FY 2021 operating budget does not occur. The section includes a release valve in the event of extreme budgetary constraints in the transition year, but the effective date for the constitutional amendment may not be later than January 1, 2026<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See section (a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See section (b)(1)-(2)

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Id.