

House Education Standing Committee-Minutes
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HEIDI TESHNER, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Education & Early Development (DEED), replied to Representative Zulkosky's question. She explained that if a student is enrolled in the school district for the count period, that student will be counted. If a student enrolls after the count period or anytime during the count period, that student would not be funded through the formula as it currently stands.

REPRESENTATIVE ZULKOSKY surmised that is true for any student enrolling late, not just students with parents or guardians in military service.

MS. TESHNER responded correct.

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MICHAEL GRAHAM, Chief Academic Officer, Anchorage School District (ASD), seconded Dr. Bishop's statements and said ASD has not had problems with the military. The district has two military liaison officers who help families navigate in this regard and the bill would provide peace of mind. The schools and principles of the ASD are aware and will do whatever is necessary to make things work, whether the students are coming in or transferring out.

MR. GRAHAM addressed the question about funding when a student is not yet there during the counts. He noted that military and other students leave the district after the count time and the district doesn't lose that money, so things likely balance out closely.