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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the House Education Committee

From: Löki Gale Tobin, Office of Senator Tom Begich

RE: **Notes for the virtual education components of CS HB 164**

(Page 18, starting on line 18) Section 21. Amends AS 14.07.168 to include information on the virtual education consortium in the annual report to the Alaska State Legislature.

Section 22. Repeals the above changes on June 30, 2034.

(Page 37, line 6) Section 36. Establishes a new section under AS 14.30, article 16, virtual education.

Under Section 36. DEED is directed to work in cooperation with school districts to establish a virtual education consortium.

Participation in the consortium is voluntary, and participating school districts may access virtual coursework, professional development, and teacher training.

The consortium will also employ a reading specialist to assist districts by modeling effective teaching strategies, coaching and mentoring teachers, providing training in data analytics, and supporting reading teams.

DEED may implement a fee to support the consortium, and districts may also establish fees to support their virtual coursework.

(Page 39) Section 41. Establishes an applicability deadline for the virtual education consortium as July 1, 2024.