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Relating to a task force and the school district cost factor adjustments for education funding.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS a study conducted in the state in 2004 by the Institute of Social and Economic Research recommended that the school district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a) be increased to more accurately reflect cost differentials in rural school districts; and

WHEREAS a study published in 2003, by the Institute for Social and Economic Research also recommended that the school district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a) be increased to more accurately reflect cost differentials in rural school districts; and

WHEREAS the studies of school district cost factors should be valid, defensible, and decisive; and

WHEREAS the rates of inflation, building, and energy costs, and other costs affecting education are significantly higher in rural school districts than in urban school districts; and

WHEREAS the current district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a) do not accurately reflect the cost differentials among the school districts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives establish a seven-member task

force on school district cost factors and foundation formula to evaluate proposals that are based on available facts and conclusions pertaining to school district cost differentials. The task force shall be comprised of at least four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three members may be appointed at the discretion of the President of the Senate by July 15, 2005. The task force shall prepare a written report with recommendations to be delivered to the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than January 20, 2006. The task force members will receive no additional compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.