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HOUSE BILL 374 (34-LS1518A)

“An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date.”

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House Bill 374 increases the Base Student Allocation (BSA) in Alaska’s public school funding formula by \$630. This increase ensures that our students receive the educational opportunities Alaskans expect and that school districts have the financial stability needed to plan responsibly for the future.

The BSA is the foundational component of Alaska’s K-12 funding formula. It determines the base amount of state funding allocated per student, before adjustments for factors such as district size, geographic cost differentials, and special education needs. For many years, Alaska’s public schools have largely operated under flat funding while costs for fuel, utilities, health insurance, transportation, and employee compensation have steadily increased. As a result, districts across the state, rural and urban alike, have faced staff reductions, larger class sizes, program cuts, and deferred maintenance.

This legislation provides a permanent, statutory increase to the BSA to address inflationary pressures and restore purchasing power lost over time. By embedding the increase in statute rather than relying on one-time funding measures, this bill offers predictability and stability so districts can retain teachers, reduce uncertainty for families, and engage in responsible long-term planning.

A strong public education system is essential to Alaska’s economic future, workforce development, and community vitality. Investing in our students today strengthens our state tomorrow. This bill affirms the Legislature’s commitment to ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality public education.