

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 277  
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Identifier: SB277-EED-PEF-03-17-26  
 Title: EDUCATION: CORRESPOND  
 STUDENTS/BSA/TCHERS  
 Sponsor: EDUCATION  
 Requester: (S) EDUCATION

Department: Fund Capitalization  
 Appropriation: No Further Appropriation Required  
 Allocation: Public Education Fund  
 OMB Component Number: 2804

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	77,748.8		77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	77,748.8		77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8	77,748.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>	<b>77,748.8</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost:** 78,703.4 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Education and Early Development</u>	

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill proposes to increase the per-student amount for pupil transportation grants under AS 14.09.010. Total increase to FY2027 is estimated to be \$4,782.8 (thousands).

The bill proposes to amend the education funding formula under AS 14.17 to remove the 90 percent multiplier on correspondence average daily membership (ADM) in AS 14.17.430 and to increase the base student allocation (BSA) from \$6,660 (whole dollars) to \$6,786.54 (whole dollars).

Additionally, the projected count data provided by districts to the department under AS 14.17.500(student count estimate), and by extension the data provided under AS 14.17.600 (student count periods), is to report on all correspondence students residing within the district, regardless of enrollment in the district's own correspondence program (if any) or another district's statewide correspondence program. Students enrolled in a program offered by the district are included in the correspondence program count; students enrolled in another district's program are included in the ADM of the school in the student's resident district with the lowest ADM. Once included in the ADM of the school, the ADM is adjusted through the foundation formula funding factors in AS 14.17.410(b). Foundation education funding increase: \$72,966.0 (thousands).

#### Assumptions:

- 1) FY2027 Projections do not have data relating to the resident district of the correspondence student, so data from the FY2026 October count was used; this causes the base correspondence count to change when comparing the effect of the bill.
- 2) ADM added to the lowest school in the district was not included in the community ADM count under AS 14.17.905 (facilities constituting a school).

This bill has an immediate effective date. An FY2026 supplemental amount of \$78,703.4 (thousands) will be needed if effective prior on or before June 30, 2026.

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School District	SB 277 Suppl. FY2026 Pupil Transportation Cost To State	SB 277 FY2027 PROJ. Pupil Transportation Cost To State	SB 277 Suppl. FY2026 State Entitlement Cost to State	SB 277 FY2027 PROJ. State Entitlement Cost to State
Alaska Gateway	\$ 51,290	\$ 51,315	\$ 891,880	\$ 886,206
Aleutian Region	-	-	25,313	25,313
Aleutians East Borough	3,900	3,675	77,157	(26,732)
Anchorage	1,365,219	1,362,112	47,752,424	47,484,692
Annette Island	4,102	3,945	306,928	279,063
Bering Strait	6,610	6,380	1,389,229	1,367,119
Bristol Bay Borough	17,553	18,497	41,429	46,525
Chatham	2,204	3,358	18,662	195,766
Chugach	-	-	479,077	(3,609,626)
Copper River	33,964	33,453	618,536	640,606
Cordova	9,578	9,909	298,847	266,318
Craig	6,891	6,715	466,222	(1,966,643)
Delta/Greely	79,222	78,469	2,346,366	2,432,036
Denali Borough	21,976	22,022	(5,033,889)	(4,937,790)
Dillingham	36,642	36,084	644,409	514,091
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	670,633	653,900	24,590,960	24,559,772
Galena	5,636	5,712	(48,195,916)	(46,452,336)
Haines Borough	11,137	10,550	97,895	743,221
Hoonah	2,533	2,544	486,907	396,481
Hydaburg	-	-	35,576	20,178
Iditarod Area	2,426	2,533	(355,729)	(379,012)
Juneau Borough	171,859	171,888	3,456,735	3,534,643
Kake	2,498	2,464	162,578	162,058
Kashunamiut	308	308	135,009	135,009
Kenai Peninsula Borough	508,029	508,737	19,269,652	19,558,938
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	104,486	102,109	1,786,120	1,791,499
Klawock	5,191	5,170	83,090	115,006
Kodiak Island Borough	109,456	102,528	933,140	1,829,687
Kuspuk	14,222	13,936	307,126	159,813
Lake & Peninsula Borough	8,558	8,339	368,968	169,388
Lower Kuskokwim	80,605	80,696	2,777,127	2,759,050
Lower Yukon	1,909	1,971	1,220,664	1,249,255
Mat-Su Borough	1,145,146	1,103,616	38,825,416	37,011,847
Nenana	9,501	9,447	(11,889,611)	(11,612,247)
Nome	31,900	32,250	336,563	450,663
North Slope Borough	146,592	151,892	2,744,590	2,760,722
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,453	3,438	1,646,629	1,687,665
Pelican	-	90	9,015	9,015
Petersburg	13,983	13,620	978,405	848,640
Pribilof	-	-	32,962	33,157
Saint Mary's	2,724	2,672	97,526	95,886
Sitka Borough	33,465	33,014	474,148	821,339
Skagway	359	366	47,698	117,554
Southeast Island	13,890	14,674	505,571	461,644
Southwest Region	26,767	27,264	464,920	465,856
Unalaska	18,386	18,096	122,890	278,228
Valdez	31,721	32,598	1,013,421	1,352,078
Wrangell	14,435	14,896	457,941	439,929
Yakutat	3,776	3,835	354,887	408,572
Yukon Flats	3,716	3,864	774,397	685,812
Yukon/Koyukuk	7,617	7,296	(20,948,526)	(17,624,365)
Yupit	524	510	237,088	233,267
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	-	-	88,369	91,096
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,846,592</b>	<b>\$ 4,782,757</b>	<b>\$ 73,856,791</b>	<b>\$ 72,965,952</b>