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## Summary of Changes

### House Bill 231 Version N to CS House Bill 231 Version H

**Section 2** adds (5) requiring school districts include information on habitability and condition of housing to the Department

**Section 3** aligns state funding with the federal E-Rate program by providing financial assistance to eligible districts to cover the remaining local share necessary to obtain one gigabyte per second broadband service

**Section 4** replaces section 3 of version N requiring the Department to provide financial planning, retirement training for teachers and paraprofessionals and establishing a mentoring program for principals and superintendents

**Section 5** replaces section 4 of version N providing conforming language for when the Reads Act ends in 2034

**Section 6** creates an educator housing subsidy grant program and an educator housing upgrade grant program

**Section 7** replaces section 5 of version N adding international accrediting associations teacher certificates be accepted by the Department

**Section 8** replaces section 6 of version N requiring school districts contract with a third party to conduct teacher exit interviews upon separation

**Sections 9-20** restructures retirement allowing current members of the defined benefit programs

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PERS and TRS to elect into defined contributions, or transfer contributions between plans in lieu of their current participation

**Section 21** adds a requirement the ARM Board determine the appropriate amount of contributions required to be transferred under AS 14.25.540

**Section 22** replaces section 11 of version N, providing the inclusion in the PERS defined benefit plan may not be a condition of the employment for an employee who is a member of the TRS or PERS defined contribution plan

**Section 23** replaces section 12 of version N conforming the PERS defined benefit plan definition of “member” or “employee” to retirement system changes made elsewhere in the bill

**Section 24** replaces section 13 of version N repealing the definitions of “defined benefit retirement plan” and “defined contribution retirement plan” that are made unnecessary because of cross references added in section 9-20 and 21-23 of the bill

**Section 25** replaces section 13 of version N adding recruitment and retention bonuses between \$5,000 and \$15,000 for teachers and paraprofessionals

**Section 26** relaces section 14 of version N adding a new temporary law allowing teachers who are in both TRS and PERS defined benefit plan to opt into the TRS defined benefit plan within 180 days

**Section 27- 29** outline immediate and staggered effective dates for the bill

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