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Alaska State Legislature

House Bill 261 Summary of Changes From Version 34-LS1293\N to Version 34-LS1293\G

Section 5 & Section 6: conforming language re-lettering and re-numbering the section as necessary.

Section 7: deletes the date of October 15; and restores the Average Daily Membership (ADM) student count period for intensive needs students to the last day of the count period, currently in AS 14.17. 600(a); additionally:

- deletes the use of a three-year averaging ADM or whichever is greater for the intensive needs student count;
- allows for three options for the ADM intensive needs count periods:
 - use of the current enrollment fiscal year student enrollment count; or
 - use of the previous enrollment fiscal year student enrollment count; or
 - use of a second count by February 15 of the current fiscal year, should the district choose to conduct an additional student enrollment count

Section 8: amends the ADM calculation wording “whichever is greater” to “greater of” changes the word “previous” to “prior” year in the first part of the definition of the calculation to (1) “the district’s prior three-year average ADM reported in the previous fiscal year under AS.14.17.600”(2) “the district’s ADM reported in the previous fiscal year” under AS.14.17.600; and, adds new language to allow for districts to use the “current” ADM of the fiscal year if the district exceeds the greater of the ADM described in (1) or (2) of this subsection by five percent or more under AS.14.17.600.

Section 9: amends language to conform with the changes described above in Section 8, AS14.17.600 (1); under AS 14.17.905; changes the word “previous” to “prior”. amends language to conform with the changes described above in Section 7, AS 14.17.600 (a) under AS 14.17.420 (a)(2) deletes reference to October 15 and restores student count period language.

Section 13: amends language to conform with the changes described above in Section 7, AS 14.17. 420(a)(2)(B), deletes reference to intensive needs funding count. Amends AS 14.17. 610 by adding a new subsection (2)(e) stating that the department may not reduce the amount of a school district’s state aid for a fiscal year on the basis that the department distributed additional funding to another school district for the fiscal year. This language maintains district funding if a student, particularly a student with special needs, changes districts within the fiscal year (AS 14.17. 420 (a)(2) (C)).

Section 15: adds language to align community or charter school's ADM with the language described above in Section 8 under AS14.17. 600.

Section 16: adds language to define "prior" described above in Section 8 under AS14.17.600(a), "prior three-year average ADM" means the number resulting from combining the ADM counts from the three student count periods immediately preceding a student count period under AS14.17.600(a) for a fiscal year and dividing that sum by three.

Section 20: adds new section to the transition language "Hold Harmless" which allows districts currently in "hold harmless" or have met the requirements for eligibility on July 1, 2026, to calculate the school district's school size adjustment until the school district is no longer eligible under AS 14.17.410 (b)(1)(E-G).

Section 21: transition language to conform with the changes described above in Section 7 and Section 8, under AS 14.17.600(a) the student count period.