

**SENATE BILL NO. 257**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR CRONK

Introduced: 2/23/26

Referred: Education, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to funding for residential schools; and providing for an effective date."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.16.200(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this  
5 section are

6 (1) one round trip on the least expensive means of transportation  
7 between the student's community of residence and the school during the school year if  
8 the district expends money for the trip; and

9 (2) a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses as  
10 determined by the department on a regional basis and not to exceed [THE  
11 FOLLOWING AMOUNTS]:

12 (A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), the amount of the  
13 base student allocation set out in AS 14.17.470 multiplied by 37 percent  
14 [\$1,230];

15 (B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), the amount of the

1           **base student allocation set out in AS 14.17.470 multiplied by 36 percent**  
2           [\$1,200];

3                           (C) for the Interior Region (Region III), **the amount of the**  
4           **base student allocation set out in AS 14.17.470 multiplied by 44 percent**  
5           [\$1,452];

6                           (D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), **the amount of the**  
7           **base student allocation set out in AS 14.17.470 multiplied by 45 percent**  
8           [\$1,509];

9                           (E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), **the amount**  
10          **of the base student allocation set out in AS 14.17.470 multiplied by 53**  
11          **percent** [\$1,776].

12          \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
13 read:

14                   RETROACTIVITY. This Act is retroactive to July 1, 2025.

15          \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).