



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 261 – Education Funding

Explanation of Changes – *Version T to Version O*

Section 1 – Version O amends the statute governing early education to allow enrolled pre-kindergarten students to count as full-time students in the Average Daily Membership rather than one-half.

Section 16 – Version O repeals statutes repealing the Alaska Reads Act district-approved pre-kindergarten program sunset clauses under Section 47, Chapter 40, SLA 2022. In the enrolled version of the Alaska Reads Act, there are statutes that are set to repeal the current pre-kindergarten funding system in 2034. Section 16 removes these repeals, protecting pre-kindergarten funding in perpetuity.

Section 17 – Version O repeals AS 14.17.500 – subsection (f). That’s the statute limiting state funding for district-approved pre-kindergarten programs.

Section 19 – Version O repeals the limits on pre-kindergarten foundation formula funding that caps the annual funds at \$3 million.