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TO: CSHB 69(RLS), Draft Version "O"

1 Page 1, lines 2 - 4:

2 Delete "relating to an annual report for correspondence study programs; relating
3 to the base student allocation; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public
4 schools; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding;"

5 Insert "relating to transportation of students; relating to school bond debt
6 reimbursement; relating to state boarding schools; relating to correspondence study
7 programs; relating to vocational and technical education; relating to the base student
8 allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to mobile
9 communication devices in schools; relating to teacher retention and recruitment
10 incentives; relating to a report relating to public education;"

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12 Page 1, lines 7 - 11:

13 Delete all material.

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15 Page 1, line 12:

16 Delete "Sec. 2"

17 Insert "Section 1"

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19 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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21 Page 2, line 7, through page 3, line 10:

22 Delete all material and insert:

23 "* Sec. 2. AS 14.03.080 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(i) Each school district shall, upon application by a parent of a child of school age and subject to AS 14.14.110, 14.14.120, and the enrollment capacity limitations of a selected school, allow the child to attend the school in the district selected by the parent instead of the school that is assigned to the child based on the child's residence within another school's or school district's boundary area. The district shall approve enrollment applications throughout the school year and in the order the district receives the applications, except that the district shall prioritize the enrollment of siblings in the same school. Each district shall annually report to the department and publish on the district's publicly available Internet website student enrollment data for each school in the district, including enrollment capacity and vacancies for each grade in the school, the number of enrollment applications the district received, the number of those applications the district approved, the number of those applications the district denied, and an explanation of the reason for each denial.

(j) The department shall establish by regulation

(1) a student transportation plan for children whose enrollment applications are approved under (i) of this section; and

(2) a process for appealing a school district's denial of an enrollment application.

(k) Nothing in (i) of this section applies to a correspondence study program provided under AS 14.03.300.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.250(d) is amended to read:

(d) If a local school board or a delegated agency denies an application for a charter school, the applicant may appeal the denial to the commissioner. The appeal to the commissioner shall be filed not later than 60 days after the local school board or the delegated agency issues its written decision of denial. The commissioner shall review the local school board's or the delegated agency's decision to determine whether the findings of fact are supported by substantial evidence and whether the decision is contrary to law. A decision of the commissioner upholding the denial by the local school board or the delegated agency may be appealed within 30 days to the state Board of Education and Early Development.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.253 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 14.03.253. Charter school application appeal.** (a) In an appeal to the
 2 commissioner under AS 14.03.250, the commissioner shall review the record before
 3 the local school board or the delegated agency. The commissioner may request
 4 written supplementation of the record from the applicant, [OR] the local school board,
 5 or the delegated agency. The commissioner may

6 (1) remand the appeal to the local school board or the delegated
 7 agency for further review;

8 (2) approve the charter school application and forward the application
 9 to the state Board of Education and Early Development with or without added
 10 conditions; or

11 (3) uphold the decision denying the charter school application; if the
 12 commissioner upholds a local school board's or a delegated agency's decision to deny
 13 a charter school application and the applicant appeals to the State Board of Education
 14 and Early Development, the commissioner shall immediately forward the application
 15 and record to the state Board of Education and Early Development.

16 (b) In an appeal to the state Board of Education and Early Development of a
 17 denial of a charter school application under (a)(3) of this section, the state board shall
 18 determine, based on the record, whether the commissioner's findings are supported by
 19 substantial evidence and whether the decision is contrary to law. The state board shall
 20 issue a written decision within 45 [90] days after the state board receives an appeal.

21 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 **Sec. 14.03.254. Board-authorized charter schools.** (a) The state Board of
 23 Education and Early Development may authorize the establishment of a charter school
 24 in any school district in the state. The state board shall prescribe by regulation an
 25 application procedure for the establishment of a charter school under this section.

26 (b) The state board shall issue a written decision approving or denying an
 27 application for a charter school within 90 days after the state board receives the
 28 application. If the state board approves the application, the local school board of the
 29 school district in which the state board authorized the establishment of the charter
 30 school shall operate the charter school as provided in AS 14.03.255 - 14.03.290.

31 (c) The state Board of Education and Early Development may delegate the

1 state board's authority to approve or deny an application for a charter school to a
 2 committee of the state board, a political subdivision of the state, the University of
 3 Alaska, or other state agency."

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5 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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7 Page 4, line 8, through page 6, line 28:

8 Delete all material and insert:

9 "* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.09.010(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 (a) A school district that provides student transportation services for the
 11 transportation of students who reside a distance from established schools is eligible to
 12 receive funding for operating or subcontracting the operation of the transportation
 13 system for students to and from the schools within the student's transportation service
 14 area. Subject to appropriation, the amount of funding provided by the state for
 15 operating the student transportation system is the amount of a school district's ADM,
 16 less the ADM for the district's correspondence programs during the current fiscal year,
 17 multiplied by the per student amount for the school district as follows, for the school
 18 years beginning July 1, 2025:

19 DISTRICT	PER STUDENT AMOUNT
20 Alaska Gateway	\$2,790
21 Aleutians East	416
22 Anchorage	584
23 Annette Island	244
24 Bering Strait	66
25 Bristol Bay	3,583
26 Chatham	376
27 Copper River	2,127
28 Cordova	450
29 Craig	567
30 Delta/Greely	2,221
31 Denali	2,423

1	Dillingham	1,632
2	Fairbanks	1,095
3	Galena	341
4	Haines	839
5	Hoonah	400
6	Iditarod	284
7	Juneau	809
8	Kake	364
9	Kashunamiut	7
10	Kenai Peninsula	1,227
11	Ketchikan	975
12	Klawock	783
13	Kodiak Island	1,071
14	Kuspuk	877
15	Lake and Peninsula	515
16	Lower Kuskokwim	372
17	Lower Yukon	1
18	Matanuska-Susitna	1,220
19	Nenana	788
20	Nome	833
21	North Slope	1,502
22	Northwest Arctic	33
23	Pelican	97
24	Petersburg	503
25	Saint Mary's	259
26	Sitka	574
27	Skagway	48
28	Southeast Island	1,549
29	Southwest Region	801
30	Unalaska	869
31	Valdez	987

1	Wrangell	939
2	Yakutat	998
3	Yukon Flats	354
4	Yukon/Koyukuk	419
5	Yupit	2.

6 * **Sec. 8.** AS 14.11.014(d) is amended to read:

7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the committee may not
 8 recommend for approval an application for bond debt reimbursement made by a
 9 municipality for school construction or major maintenance for indebtedness authorized
 10 by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after January 1, 2015, but before
 11 July 1, 2030 [2025].

12 * **Sec. 9.** AS 14.11.100(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) During each fiscal year, the state shall allocate to a municipality that is a
 14 school district the following sums:

15 (1) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year two years
 16 earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
 17 indebtedness incurred before July 1, 1977, to pay costs of school construction;

18 (2) 90 percent of

19 (A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
 20 two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding
 21 bonds, notes, or other indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1977, and before
 22 July 1, 1978, to pay costs of school construction;

23 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1976, and before July 1,
 24 1978, by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs
 25 of school construction;

26 (3) 90 percent of

27 (A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
 28 two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding
 29 bonds, notes, or other indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1978, and before
 30 January 1, 1982, to pay costs of school construction projects approved under
 31 AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

1 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1978, and before July 1,
2 1982, by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs
3 of school construction projects approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

4 (4) subject to (h) and (i) of this section, up to 90 percent of

5 (A) payments made by the municipality during the current
6 fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds,
7 notes, or other indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981, and authorized
8 by the qualified voters of the municipality before July 1, 1983, to pay costs of
9 school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that
10 exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

11 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1982, and before July 1,
12 1983, by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs
13 of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects
14 that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11); and

15 (C) payments made by the municipality during the current
16 fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds,
17 notes, or other indebtedness to pay costs of school construction, additions to
18 schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are
19 submitted to the department for approval under AS 14.07.020(a)(11) before
20 July 1, 1983, and approved by the qualified voters of the municipality before
21 October 15, 1983, not to exceed a total project cost of (i) \$6,600,000 if the
22 annual growth rate of average daily membership of the municipality is more
23 than seven percent but less than 12 percent, or (ii) \$20,000,000 if the annual
24 growth rate of average daily membership of the municipality is 12 percent or
25 more; payments made by a municipality under this subparagraph on total
26 project costs that exceed the amounts set out in (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph
27 are subject to (5)(A) of this subsection;

28 (5) subject to (h) - (j) of this section, 80 percent of

29 (A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
30 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or
31 other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality

1 (i) after June 30, 1983, but before March 31, 1990, to
2 pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major
3 rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under
4 AS 14.07.020(a)(11); or

5 (ii) before July 1, 1989, and reauthorized before
6 November 1, 1989, to pay costs of school construction, additions to
7 schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are
8 approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11); and

9 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1983, by the
10 municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school
11 construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed
12 \$25,000 and are approved by the department before July 1, 1990, under
13 AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

14 (6) subject to (h) - (j) and (m) of this section, 70 percent of payments
15 made by the municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of principal and
16 interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified
17 voters of the municipality on or after April 30, 1993, but before July 1, 1996, to pay
18 costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects
19 that exceed \$200,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

20 (7) subject to (h) - (j) and (m) of this section, 70 percent of payments
21 made by the municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of principal and
22 interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified
23 voters of the municipality after March 31, 1990, but before April 30, 1993, to pay
24 costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects;

25 (8) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2) - (5), and (n) of this section and after
26 projects funded by the bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by the
27 commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
28 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
29 indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after July 1,
30 1995, but before July 1, 1998, to pay costs of school construction, additions to
31 schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$200,000 and are approved

1 under AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

2 (9) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2) - (5), and (n) of this section and after
3 projects funded by the bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by the
4 commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
5 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
6 indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after July 1,
7 1998, but before July 1, 2006, to pay costs of school construction, additions to
8 schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$200,000 and are approved
9 under AS 14.07.020(a)(11);

10 (10) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2) - (5), and (o) of this section, and after
11 projects funded by the bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by the
12 commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year
13 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
14 indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after June 30,
15 1998, to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major
16 rehabilitation projects that exceed \$200,000, are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11),
17 and are not reimbursed under (n) of this section;

18 (11) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2) - (5) of this section, and after projects
19 funded by the bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by the
20 commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year
21 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
22 indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after June 30,
23 1999, but before January 1, 2005, to pay costs of school construction, additions to
24 schools, and major rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed
25 \$200,000, are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (n)
26 or (o) of this section;

27 (12) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2), (3), and (5) of this section, 60 percent
28 of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of
29 principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other indebtedness authorized by
30 the qualified voters of the municipality on or after June 30, 1999, but before January 1,
31 2005, to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major

1 rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are
2 reviewed under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (n) or (o) of this
3 section;

4 (13) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2) - (5), and (p) of this section, and after
5 projects funded by the tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been
6 approved by the commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by a municipality during
7 the fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding tax exempt
8 bonds, notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the
9 municipality on or after June 30, 1999, but before October 31, 2006, to pay costs of
10 school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects and
11 education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are approved under
12 AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (n) or (o) of this section;

13 (14) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2), (3), and (5), and (p) of this section, 60
14 percent of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement
15 of principal and interest on outstanding tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness
16 authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after June 30, 1999, but
17 before October 31, 2006, to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and
18 major rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are
19 reviewed under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (n) or (o) of this
20 section;

21 (15) subject to (h), (i), (j)(2) - (5), and (q) of this section, and after
22 projects funded by the bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by the
23 commissioner, 90 percent of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year
24 for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes, or other
25 indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after June 30,
26 1999, but before October 31, 2006, to pay costs of school construction, additions to
27 schools, and major rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed
28 \$200,000, are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), meet the 10 percent participating
29 share requirement for a municipal school district under the former participating share
30 amounts required under AS 14.11.008(b), and are not reimbursed under (n) or (o) of
31 this section;

1 (16) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2) - (5) of this section, and after projects
2 funded by the tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by
3 the commissioner, 70 percent of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal
4 year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding tax exempt bonds,
5 notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on
6 or after October 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2015, to pay costs of school
7 construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects and education-
8 related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and
9 are not reimbursed under (o) of this section;

10 (17) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2), (3), and (5) of this section, 60 percent
11 of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of
12 principal and interest on outstanding tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness
13 authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after October 1, 2006, but
14 before January 1, 2015, to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and
15 major rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are
16 reviewed under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (o) of this section;

17 (18) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2) - (5) of this section, and after projects
18 funded by the tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness have been approved by
19 the commissioner, 50 percent of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal
20 year for the retirement of principal of and interest on outstanding tax exempt bonds,
21 notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on
22 or after July 1, 2030 [2025], to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools,
23 and major rehabilitation projects and education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000,
24 are approved under AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (o) of this
25 section;

26 (19) subject to (h), (i), and (j)(2), (3), and (5) of this section, 40 percent
27 of payments made by a municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of
28 principal of and interest on outstanding tax exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness
29 authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality on or after July 1, 2030 [2025],
30 to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation
31 projects and education-related facilities that exceed \$200,000, are reviewed under

1 AS 14.07.020(a)(11), and are not reimbursed under (o) of this section.

2 * **Sec. 10.** AS 14.11.100(s) is amended to read:

3 (s) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner may not
4 approve an application for bond debt reimbursement made by a municipality for
5 school construction or major maintenance for indebtedness authorized by the qualified
6 voters of the municipality on or after January 1, 2015, but before July 1, 2030 [2025].

7 * **Sec. 11.** AS 14.11.102(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The commissioner may not allocate funds to a municipality under
9 AS 14.11.100 for the retirement of the principal of and interest on outstanding tax-
10 exempt bonds, notes, or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the
11 municipality on or after January 1, 2015, but before July 1, 2030 [2025].

12 * **Sec. 12.** AS 14.16.200(b) is amended to read:

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

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

18 (2) a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses as
19 determined by the department on a regional basis and not to exceed the following
20 amounts:

21 (A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), \$1,845 [\$1,230];

22 (B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), \$1,800 [\$1,200];

23 (C) for the Interior Region (Region III), \$2,178 [\$1,452];

24 (D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), \$2,264 [\$1,509];

25 (E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), \$2,664
26 [\$1,776].

27 * **Sec. 13.** AS 14.17.410(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) Public school funding consists of state aid, a required local contribution,
29 and eligible federal impact aid determined as follows:

30 (1) state aid equals basic need minus a required local contribution and
31 90 percent of eligible federal impact aid for that fiscal year; basic need equals the sum

1 obtained under (D) of this paragraph, multiplied by the base student allocation set out
 2 in AS 14.17.470; district adjusted ADM is calculated as follows:

3 (A) the ADM of each school in the district is calculated by
 4 applying the school size factor to the student count as set out in AS 14.17.450;

5 (B) the number obtained under (A) of this paragraph is
 6 multiplied by the district cost factor described in AS 14.17.460;

7 (C) the ADMs of each school in a district, as adjusted
 8 according to (A) and (B) of this paragraph, are added to the number obtained
 9 for correspondence study under AS 14.17.430; the sum is then multiplied by
 10 the special needs factor set out in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) and the secondary school
 11 vocational and technical instruction funding factor set out in
 12 AS 14.17.420(a)(3);

13 (D) the number obtained for intensive services under
 14 AS 14.17.420(a)(2) is [AND THE NUMBER OBTAINED FOR
 15 CORRESPONDENCE STUDY UNDER AS 14.17.430 ARE] added to the
 16 number obtained under (C) of this paragraph or under (H) and (I) of this
 17 paragraph;

18 (E) notwithstanding (A) - (C) of this paragraph, if a school
 19 district's ADM adjusted for school size under (A) of this paragraph decreases
 20 by five percent or more from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year, the school
 21 district may use the last fiscal year before the decrease as a base fiscal year to
 22 offset the decrease, according to the following method:

23 (i) for the first fiscal year after the base fiscal year
 24 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted
 25 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as
 26 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 75 percent of the
 27 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the
 28 base fiscal year and the first fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

29 (ii) for the second fiscal year after the base fiscal year
 30 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted
 31 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as

1 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 50 percent of the
 2 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the
 3 base fiscal year and the second fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

4 (iii) for the third fiscal year after the base fiscal year
 5 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted
 6 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as
 7 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 25 percent of the
 8 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the
 9 base fiscal year and the third fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

10 (F) the method established in (E) of this paragraph is available
 11 to a school district for the three fiscal years following the base fiscal year
 12 determined under (E) of this paragraph only if the district's ADM adjusted for
 13 school size determined under (A) of this paragraph for each fiscal year is less
 14 than the district's ADM adjusted for school size in the base fiscal year;

15 (G) the method established in (E) of this paragraph does not
 16 apply to a decrease in the district's ADM adjusted for school size resulting
 17 from a loss of enrollment that occurs as a result of a boundary change under
 18 AS 29;

19 (H) notwithstanding (A) - (C) of this paragraph, if one or more
 20 schools close and consolidate with one or more other schools in the same
 21 community and district and, as a result of the consolidation, basic need
 22 generated by the district's ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under
 23 (A) - (C) of this paragraph decreases, the district may use the last fiscal year
 24 before the consolidation as the base fiscal year to offset that decrease for the
 25 first four fiscal years following consolidation according to the following
 26 method:

27 (i) for the first two fiscal years after the base fiscal year,
 28 the district's ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) -
 29 (C) of this paragraph is calculated by dividing the sum of the district's
 30 ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this
 31 paragraph for the base fiscal year by the sum of the district's ADM of

1 the consolidated schools for the base fiscal year without adjustment,
2 and subtracting the quotient obtained by dividing the district's ADM of
3 the consolidated schools for the current fiscal year as adjusted under
4 (A) - (C) of this paragraph by the sum of the district's ADM of the
5 consolidated schools for the current fiscal year without adjustment,
6 multiplying that number by the sum of the district's ADM of the
7 consolidated schools for the current fiscal year without adjustment, and
8 adding that number to the sum of the district's ADM of the consolidated
9 schools for the current fiscal year as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this
10 paragraph;

11 (ii) for the third fiscal year after the base fiscal year, the
12 district's ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) - (C)
13 of this paragraph is calculated by dividing the sum of the district's
14 ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this
15 paragraph for the base fiscal year by the sum of the district's ADM of
16 the consolidated schools for the base fiscal year without adjustment,
17 and subtracting the quotient obtained by dividing the sum of the
18 district's ADM of the consolidated schools for the current fiscal year as
19 adjusted under (A) - (C) of this paragraph by the sum of the district's
20 ADM of the consolidated schools for the current fiscal year,
21 multiplying that number by the sum of the district's ADM of the
22 consolidated schools for the current fiscal year without adjustment,
23 multiplying that number by 66 percent, and adding that number to the
24 sum of the district's ADM of the consolidated schools for the current
25 fiscal year as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this paragraph;

26 (iii) for the fourth fiscal year after the base fiscal year,
27 the district's ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) -
28 (C) of this paragraph is calculated by dividing the sum of the district's
29 ADM of the consolidated schools as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this
30 paragraph for the base fiscal year by the sum of the district's ADM of
31 the consolidated schools for the base fiscal year without adjustment,

1 and subtracting the quotient obtained by dividing the sum of the
 2 district's ADM of the consolidated schools for the current fiscal year as
 3 adjusted under (A) - (C) of this paragraph by the sum of the district's
 4 ADM of the consolidated schools for the current fiscal year,
 5 multiplying that number by the sum of the district's ADM of the
 6 consolidated schools for the current fiscal year without adjustment,
 7 multiplying that number by 33 percent, and adding that number to the
 8 sum of the district's ADM of the consolidated schools for the current
 9 fiscal year as adjusted under (A) - (C) of this paragraph;

10 (iv) to calculate the district's basic need for each fiscal
 11 year, the number obtained through the calculation in (i), (ii), or (iii) of
 12 this subparagraph is added to the number obtained under (C) of this
 13 paragraph for the remainder of the district;

14 (I) if the basic need calculated under (H)(i) - (iii) of this
 15 paragraph for one of the first four fiscal years after consolidation is less than
 16 the basic need calculated under (A) - (C) of this paragraph for that fiscal year,
 17 the basic need may not be adjusted under (H) of this paragraph for that fiscal
 18 year;

19 (J) a district may not offset a decrease under (H) of this
 20 paragraph if

21 (i) a new facility is constructed in the district for the
 22 consolidation; or

23 (ii) the district offset a decrease under (E) of this
 24 paragraph in the same fiscal year;

25 (K) a district that offsets a decrease under (H) of this paragraph
 26 may not reopen a school that was closed for consolidation in the district until

27 (i) seven or more years have passed since the school
 28 closure; and

29 (ii) the district provides evidence satisfactory to the
 30 department that the schools affected by the consolidation are over
 31 capacity;

(L) a district may not reopen and reconsolidate a school that was consolidated in the district more than once every seven years for purposes of the calculations made under (H) of this paragraph;

(M) a district offsetting a decrease under (H) of this paragraph shall provide the department with the list of schools participating in the consolidation and the corresponding ADM;

(2) the required local contribution of a city or borough school district is the equivalent of a 2.65 mill tax levy on the full and true value of the taxable real and personal property in the district as of January 1 of the second preceding fiscal year, as determined by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development under AS 14.17.510 and AS 29.45.110, not to exceed 45 percent of a district's basic need for the preceding fiscal year as determined under (1) of this subsection.

* **Sec. 14.** AS 14.17.420(a) is amended to read:

(a) As a component of public school funding, a district is eligible for special needs and secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding and may be eligible for intensive services funding as follows:

(1) special needs funding is available to a district to assist the district in providing special education, gifted and talented education, vocational education, and bilingual education services to its students; a special needs funding factor of 1.20 shall be applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1);

(2) in addition to the special needs funding for which a district is eligible under (1) of this subsection, a district is eligible for intensive services funding for each special education student who needs and receives intensive services and is enrolled on the last day of the count period; for each such student, intensive services funding is equal to the intensive student count multiplied by 13;

(3) in addition to the special needs and intensive services funding available under (1) and (2) of this subsection, secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding is available to assist districts in providing vocational and technical instruction to students who are enrolled in a secondary school; a secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding factor of 1.04 [1.015] shall be

1 applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1); in this paragraph, "vocational and technical
2 instruction" excludes costs associated with

3 (A) administrative expenses; and

4 (B) instruction in general literacy, mathematics, and job
5 readiness skills.

6 * **Sec. 15.** AS 14.17.420 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (d) To receive funding under (a)(3) of this section, a district offering
8 secondary school vocational and technical instruction must file with the department a
9 program plan that indicates how the district's implementation of the program will
10 improve student achievement. A district that receives funding under (a)(3) of this
11 section shall file with the department an annual expenditures report indicating how the
12 funds were used by the district in the preceding year.

13 * **Sec. 16.** AS 14.17.430 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.17.430. State funding for correspondence study.** Except as provided
15 in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for the state centralized correspondence study program or
16 a district correspondence program, including a district that offers a statewide
17 correspondence study program, includes an allocation from the public education fund
18 in an amount calculated by using [MULTIPLYING] the ADM of the correspondence
19 program reported under AS 14.17.500(a) and 14.17.600(a) [BY 90 PERCENT]."
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21 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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23 Page 6, line 30:

24 Delete "\$6,960"

25 Insert "\$6,260"

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27 Page 7, line 1, through page 9, line 9:

28 Delete all material and insert:

29 "** **Sec. 18.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

30 **Sec. 14.30.773. Reading proficiency incentive grants.** (a) Subject to
31 appropriation, a school district is eligible to receive a reading proficiency incentive

1 grant of \$450 for each student in

2 (1) kindergarten through grade three who performs at grade level or
3 demonstrates improvement on expected grade-level skills on the statewide screening
4 tool adopted by the department under AS 14.30.760; and

5 (2) grades four through six who performs at grade level or
6 demonstrates a measure of increased proficiency on a standards-based assessment in
7 language arts.

8 (b) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

9 * **Sec. 19.** AS 14.30.773(a), enacted by sec. 18 of this Act, is amended to read:

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, a school district is eligible to receive a reading
11 proficiency incentive grant of \$450 for each student in

12 [(1)] kindergarten through grade [THREE WHO PERFORMS AT
13 GRADE LEVEL OR DEMONSTRATES IMPROVEMENT ON EXPECTED
14 GRADE-LEVEL SKILLS ON THE STATEWIDE SCREENING TOOL ADOPTED
15 BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER AS 14.30.760; AND

16 (2) GRADES FOUR THROUGH] six who performs at grade level or
17 demonstrates a measure of increased proficiency on a standards-based assessment in
18 language arts.

19 * **Sec. 20.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 **Article 5. Mobile Communication Devices in Schools.**

21 **Sec. 14.33.300. Mobile communication devices in schools.** (a) The governing
22 body of a school district shall adopt a policy that prohibits a student from using a
23 personal mobile communication device while in school under the supervision of an
24 employee of the school district except

25 (1) in the event of an emergency or a perceived threat of danger;

26 (2) when a teacher or administrator of the school grants permission to
27 the student to use the device for educational purposes;

28 (3) when use of the device is necessary for the health or well-being of
29 the student; or

30 (4) when use of the device is a required component of the student's
31 individualized education plan.

(b) This section does not authorize the monitoring, collecting, or accessing of information related to a student's use of a personal mobile communication device.

(c) In this section, "mobile communication device" means a cellular telephone, smart phone, personal data assistant, wireless tablet, computer, or similar device used for voice or visual communication.

* **Sec. 21.** Section 6, ch. 3, SLA 2015, as amended by sec. 5, ch. 6, SLA 2020, is amended to read:

Sec. 6. AS 14.11.014(d), 14.11.100(s), and 14.11.102(c) are repealed July 1, 2030 [2025].

* **Sec. 22.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LUMP SUM PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS. (a) Subject to appropriation for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029, a certificated full-time teacher is entitled to receive a lump sum payment as a retention and recruitment incentive if the teacher was employed in a full-time classroom teaching position for the entirety of the school term for the school year immediately preceding the date of payment. The department shall pay the retention and recruitment incentive on or within a reasonable period after July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028. The department shall reduce the retention and recruitment incentive by the amount necessary to pay mandatory employee and employer deductions, including a deduction required under AS 14.25. Subject to the application and certification requirements described in (c) of this section, the department shall pay the retention and recruitment incentives through grants to school districts as described in (b) - (c) of this section.

(b) The department shall pay \$5,000 for each eligible certificated full-time teacher teaching in the following districts:

- (1) Anchorage School District;
- (2) Fairbanks North Star Borough School District;
- (3) Juneau Borough School District;
- (4) Kenai Peninsula Borough School District;
- (5) Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District.

(c) The department shall pay \$10,000 for each eligible certificated full-time teacher

1 teaching in the following districts:

- 2 (1) Alaska Gateway School District;
- 3 (2) Aleutian Region School District;
- 4 (3) Aleutians East Borough School District;
- 5 (4) Annette Island School District;
- 6 (5) Chugach School District;
- 7 (6) Copper River School District;
- 8 (7) Cordova City School District;
- 9 (8) Delta/Greely School District;
- 10 (9) Denali Borough School District;
- 11 (10) Galena City School District;
- 12 (11) Haines Borough School District;
- 13 (12) Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District;
- 14 (13) Kodiak Island Borough School District;
- 15 (14) Mt. Edgecumbe High School;
- 16 (15) Nenana City School District;
- 17 (16) Nome Public Schools;
- 18 (17) Petersburg Borough School District;
- 19 (18) Saint Mary's School District;
- 20 (19) Sitka School District;
- 21 (20) Skagway School District;
- 22 (21) Unalaska City School District;
- 23 (22) Valdez City School District;
- 24 (23) Wrangell Public School District;
- 25 (24) Yakutat School District.

26 (d) The department shall pay \$15,000 for each eligible certificated full-time teacher
27 teaching in the following districts:

- 28 (1) Bering Strait School District;
- 29 (2) Bristol Bay Borough School District;
- 30 (3) Chatham School District;
- 31 (4) Craig City School District;

- (5) Dillingham City School District;
- (6) Hoonah City School District;
- (7) Hydaburg City School District;
- (8) Iditarod Area School District;
- (9) Kake City School District;
- (10) Kashunamiut School District;
- (11) Klawock City School District;
- (12) Kuspuk School District;
- (13) Lake and Peninsula Borough School District;
- (14) Lower Kuskokwim School District;
- (15) Lower Yukon School District;
- (16) North Slope Borough School District;
- (17) Northwest Arctic Borough School District;
- (18) Pelican City School District;
- (19) Pribilof School District;
- (20) Southeast Island School District;
- (21) Southwest Region School District;
- (22) Tanana City School District;
- (23) Yukon Flats School District;
- (24) Yukon-Koyukuk School District;
- (25) Yupiit School District.

(e) To be eligible for the retention and recruitment incentive described in this section, a certificated full-time teacher must apply during each eligible calendar year to the department on a date not later than the final day in session for the school term established by the governing body of the teacher's school district or regional educational attendance area. Application for payment shall be made on a form designated by the commissioner of education and early development. For each teacher who applies, the school district or regional educational attendance area shall certify the teacher's eligibility for payment under this section to the department.

(f) Payment made under this section is considered compensation for the purposes of AS 14.25.

1 (g) The department may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this
2 section.

3 (h) In this section,

4 (1) "certificated full-time teacher"

5 (A) means an individual occupying a position that requires

6 (i) a teaching certificate as a condition of employment; and

7 (ii) teaching on a regular basis during the normal work period
8 for each day or week at a classroom teaching assignment in a public
9 elementary or secondary school;

10 (B) does not include an individual teaching as an assistant or graduate
11 assistant or teaching on a substitute, temporary, or per diem basis;

12 (2) "department" means the Department of Education and Early Development.

13 * **Sec. 23.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 **REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE.** (a) The house and senate education committees
16 shall jointly prepare a report to the legislature that provides

17 (1) recommendations for any change to public school foundation funding;

18 (2) a survey of each school district's curricula, programs, and services and an
19 explanation of whether any duplication of the curricula, programs, or services are identified
20 within the district;

21 (3) a definition of "accountability" as that term applies to measuring school
22 and student performance; and

23 (4) recommended metrics for determining school and student performance
24 other than the standardized testing that is currently used.

25 (b) The house and senate education committees shall, before the first day of the First
26 Regular Session of the Thirty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature, deliver a copy of the report
27 prepared under (a) of this section to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
28 representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

29 (c) The Department of Education and Early Development shall prepare a report
30 recommending regulatory and statutory changes to reduce the regulatory burden on school
31 districts. The department shall submit the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of

1 the house of representatives not later than the first day of the Second Regular Session of the
2 Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature and notify the members of the legislature that the
3 report is available."

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5 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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7 Page 9, line 12:

8 Delete "Sections 5 - 9"

9 Insert "Sections 3 - 6"

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11 Page 9, line 13:

12 Delete "secs. 5 - 9"

13 Insert "secs. 3 - 6"

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15 Page 9, lines 14 - 18:

16 Delete all material and insert:

17 "* **Sec. 25.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
18 read:

19 RETROACTIVITY. Section 21 of this Act is retroactive to July 1, 2025.

20 * **Sec. 26.** Section 19 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2034.

21 * **Sec. 27.** Sections 8 - 11, 21, and 25 of this Act take effect June 30, 2025.

22 * **Sec. 28.** Sections 7, 12 - 18, 20, 22, and 23 of this Act take effect July 1, 2025.

23 * **Sec. 29.** Except as provided in secs. 26 - 28 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2026."