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HOUSE BILL 69

Increases Base Student Allocation

"An Act relating to education funding; and providing for an effective date"

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

The CS for HB 69 includes funding and policies to expand Alaska's public-school options.

Funding:

- BSA increase
- Legislative action on school funding annually by March 15
- Incentive grants for students showing growth or proficiency in reading

Policies:

- Codifies open enrollment intra-district
- Adds checks and balances on charter school approval, renewal and termination
- Creates a charter school coordinator at the Department of Education and Early Development
- Directs districts to adopt policies banning cell phones during school hours
- Transitions statutes to align with student growth rather than simply proficiency
- Establishes a task force to examine school funding in Alaska

This bill seeks to address problems in Alaska's school districts with common sense solutions and provide support to ensure a well-rounded education for every child in all of Alaska's public-school options.