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**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FIELDS, Josephson, Schrage**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to student transportation funding; relating to the base student**  
2 **allocation; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.09.010(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

	DISTRICT	PER STUDENT AMOUNT
1	Alaska Gateway	\$2,529
2	Aleutians East	377
3	Anchorage	529
4	Annette Island	221
5	Bering Strait	59
6	Bristol Bay	3,247
7	Chatham	341
8	Copper River	1,928
9	Cordova	408
10	Craig	514
11	Delta/Greely	2,013
12	Denali	2,197
13	Dillingham	1,480
14	Fairbanks	992
15	Galena	309
16	Haines	761
17	Hoonah	363
18	Iditarod	257
19	Juneau	733
20	Kake	330
21	Kashunamiut	6
22	Kenai Peninsula	1,112
23	Ketchikan	883
24	Klawock	710
25	Kodiak Island	971
26	Kuspuk	794
27	Lake and Peninsula	466
28	Lower Kuskokwim	337
29	Lower Yukon	1
30	Matanuska-Susitna	1,106
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1	Nenana	714
2	Nome	755
3	North Slope	1,361
4	Northwest Arctic	30
5	Pelican	88
6	Petersburg	455
7	Saint Mary's	234
8	Sitka	520
9	Skagway	44
10	Southeast Island	1,404
11	Southwest Region	726
12	Unalaska	788
13	Valdez	894
14	Wrangell	851
15	Yakutat	904
16	Yukon Flats	321
17	Yukon/Koyukuk	364
18	Yupiit	2.

19 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.470 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is **\$6,660**  
21 [\$5,960].

22 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 **Article 5. Wireless Telecommunications Devices.**

24 **Sec. 14.33.300. Wireless telecommunications device policy.** (a) Each school  
25 district shall adopt a policy that regulates the possession and use of nonschool-issued  
26 wireless telecommunications devices during regular school hours, including lunch and  
27 passing periods. Each school district shall share this policy with parents or guardians,  
28 students, volunteers, and school employees. If a school district's policy prohibits the  
29 use of nonschool-issued wireless telecommunications devices, the policy must allow  
30 exceptions for students to use a wireless telecommunications device for medical or  
31 translation purposes, in the event of an emergency, or when a teacher or administrator

1 of the school grants permission to a student to use a wireless telecommunications  
2 device for educational purposes.

3 (b) This section does not authorize a person to monitor, collect, or access  
4 information related to a student's use of a wireless telecommunications device.

5 (c) In this section, "wireless telecommunications device" means any portable  
6 wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data  
7 communication between two or more parties.

8 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.