

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to funding for digital learning as a component of public school
2 funding."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.17.420(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) As a component of public school funding, a district is eligible for special
6 needs and digital learning funding and may be eligible for intensive services funding
7 as follows:

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

12 (2) in addition to the special needs funding for which a district is
13 eligible under (1) of this subsection, a district is eligible for intensive services funding
14 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, digital learning funding is available to assist districts in providing a full range of digital technology solutions that include interactive white boards, mobile devices, tablets, laptops, software, and direct technical support services for students who are enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12; a digital learning funding factor of 1.005 shall be applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1); in this paragraph, "digital learning" excludes costs associated with administrative services.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.440(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for state boarding schools established under AS 14.16.010 includes an allocation from the public education fund in an amount calculated by

(1) determining the ADM of state boarding schools by applying the school size factor to the student count as described in AS 14.17.450;

(2) multiplying the number obtained under (1) of this subsection by the special needs factor in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) **and the digital learning funding factor set out in AS 14.17.420(a)(3)** and multiplying that product by the base student allocation; and

(3) multiplying the product determined under (2) of this subsection by the district cost factor that is applicable to calculation of the state aid for the adjacent school district under AS 14.17.460.