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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HCS SENATE BILL 57 (EDU)

(Version R)

"An Act relating to parental involvement in education; adjusting pupil transportation funding; amending the time required for employers to give tenured teachers notification of their non-retention; and providing for an effective date."

- Section 1: Calls upon school districts to provide parents with children in kindergarten to grade 3 with information on the importance of early literacy. Also calls for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to develop a communications campaign to include a website with resources being made available for parents to help their children learn to read.
- <u>Section 2</u>: Shifts the annual deadline for districts to notify faculty of layoff or non-retention from March 16 to May 15.
- Section 3: Repeals the annual adjustment of 1.5% for pupil transportation as enacted in 2012.
- <u>Section 4</u>: Adjusts pupil transportation dollars annually by the inflationary index of Anchorage, an average of 2.5%, for fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016.
- <u>Section 5</u>: Relevant to layoff notifications, this section is required language to allow existing employment contracts to expire before Section 2 is applied.
- Section 6: Repeals Section 4 on November 1, 2015.
- Section 7: Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2013.