



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
Senate Education Committee

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## **Senate Bill 52: Increase Base Student Allocation**

### ***Summary of Changes: Version A to Version S***

**Section 1** – Amends AS 14.03.120, which governs the reporting requirements for school districts in Alaska, to add a new subsection requiring the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to create a website that the public can use to view and download relevant information about public education in Alaska. The website must also allow the public to make recommendations relating to improving public education in Alaska.

The special website must display information in a fashion that is easily understood. The website must include information included in the annual report card to parents about the annual progress of each school and school district toward high academic performance by all students. The website must also include a description of resources provided to school districts regarding staff training, progress in aligning curriculum with state education performance standards, and a description of the efforts of the Department of Education and Early Development to assist schools or school districts that receive a low performance designation under AS 14.03.123.

The new subsection allows school districts to link to the new website on their websites.

The new subsection (m) directs the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Development to gather data on the progress of each high school graduating class in a district. The agencies would gather information on career, postsecondary education, and residency data on each student in the graduating class. The departments must gather the data every five years until 20 years after the high school graduating date of the high school class.

**Section 2** – Amends Section 15 of the Alaska Reads Act to add language requiring the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to gather data on the progress of each high school graduating class under the new AS 14.03.120(m) authorized in Section 1 of the Act.

**Section 3** – Amends AS 14.07.020(a) to add the collaboration with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to the duties of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

**Section 4** – Amends the Alaska Reads Act, House Bill 114 from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska State Legislature, to increase the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by an additional \$1,000 in fiscal year 2024.

The Alaska Reads Act amended AS 14.17.470, the BSA statute, to increase the BSA from \$5,930 to \$5,960. Section 4 of Senate Bill 52 further amends AS 14.17.470 to increase the BSA to \$6,960.

**Section 5** – Amends AS 14.17.470 to increase the BSA to \$7,308. The \$348 increase to the BSA take effect in Fiscal Year 2025.

**Section 6** – Amends AS 14.17.470 to add a new subsection (b) requiring the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to increase the base student allocation on July 1, 2025, by a percentage equal to the average percentage of increase over the preceding four calendar years in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for urban

Alaska prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor. The inflation adjustment takes affect at the start of fiscal year 2026.

**Section 7** – Amends AS 44.31.020 to add the requirement to gather data on the progress of high school graduating classes to the duties of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Act requires the Department to publish a biennial report on the data gathered on the progress of each high school graduating class.

**Section 8** – Stipulates that Section 3 of the Act takes effect on July 1, 2023.

**Section 9** – Stipulates that Section 2 of the Act takes effect on July 1, 2023.

**Section 10** – Stipulates that the new subsections authorized by Section 1 of the Act take effect on July 1, 2024.

**Section 11** – Stipulates that AS 14.03.120(m) enacted by section 1 of this Act, and sections 6 and 7 of this Act take effect on July 1, 2025.