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**BY REPRESENTATIVES KOTT, Brown**

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**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing the Alaska education technology program; and providing for**  
2 **an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.** (a) The legislature finds that

5 (1) 75 percent of the labor force in the state is unprepared to deal with rapidly  
6 changing technology;

7 (2) the education system and publicly funded libraries can help in creating a  
8 trained and productive labor force;

9 (3) education technology has the potential to improve the academic  
10 performance of students, to prepare students for work in a technological society, and to assist  
11 with education reform;

12 (4) schools and publicly funded libraries lack adequate hardware, software, and  
13 training for students, patrons, and educators in education technology;

14 (5) in order to implement effective education technology programs, teacher

1 training and active participation is essential.

2 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to establish the Alaska education technology program,  
3 to provide teachers, library staff, and other instructional personnel with training in how to  
4 apply education technology in meeting instructional objectives, and to provide the necessary  
5 equipment and materials to effectively utilize education technology within the adopted  
6 curricula throughout the rural and urban schools and in publicly funded libraries of this state.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.120(e) is amended to read:

8 (e) A district shall, by October 31 of each year, provide to the state board, and  
9 make available to the public, a report on the performance of each public school and  
10 public school students in the district. The report must be entitled "School District  
11 Report Card To The Public" and must be prepared on a form prescribed by the  
12 department. The report must include

13 (1) the percent of district students in the top and bottom quarter of  
14 standardized national achievement examinations; results under this paragraph shall be  
15 disclosed in a manner that does not reveal the individual identities of students;

16 (2) the percent of students who are not promoted to the next grade;

17 (3) student, parent, and community member comments on the school's  
18 performance;

19 (4) the annual percent change in enrollment and the percent of  
20 enrollment change due to student transfers into and out of the district;

21 (5) attendance, retention, and graduation rates;

22 (6) the ways in which meaningful parent involvement in school  
23 performance was achieved;

24 (7) a summary and evaluation of the environmental education  
25 curriculum described in AS 14.30.380;

26 (8) **uses of education technology by classroom teachers that have**  
27 **improved student performance and the results of periodic evaluations of education**  
28 **technology acquired under AS 14.30.800;**

29 (9) other indicators of school performance required by the state board;  
30 and

31 (10) [(9)] other indicators of school performance selected by the

1 district.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

3 ARTICLE 12. ALASKA EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY.

4 Sec. 14.30.800. ALASKA EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY FUND  
5 ESTABLISHED. (a) The Alaska education technology fund is established in the  
6 department. The purpose of the fund is to (1) enhance the quality and equity of  
7 education at public elementary and secondary schools by providing a percentage of the  
8 project or grant money needed to purchase, install, and maintain education technology  
9 in classrooms; (2) provide training in the use of education technology to help students  
10 achieve student performance standards; (3) provide access to networks for public  
11 schools and publicly funded libraries through the University of Alaska computer  
12 network, the Department of Administration computer network, or other means  
13 consistent with the program developed under AS 44.21.315(c); and (4) provide a  
14 percentage of the cost of education technology, including computer and resource  
15 sharing systems, to publicly funded libraries. The earnings of the fund may be  
16 appropriated by the legislature to further the purposes described in this subsection.  
17 The fund consists of legislative appropriations to the fund and public or private  
18 donations made for the purpose of the fund. The department may not use money in  
19 the fund to pay the administrative expenses of the fund.

20 (b) A project or grant application may be submitted to the department by a  
21 school district on behalf of a public school, or by a publicly funded library.

22 (c) As a condition of funding a project or awarding a grant, the department  
23 shall require the school district or publicly funded library to pay that percentage of the  
24 cost of the project or grant required under AS 14.30.810.

25 (d) A project or grant application submitted by a school district under (b) of  
26 this section must include

27 (1) educational goals and objectives;

28 (2) the sum of money to be provided by the department and by the  
29 school district;

30 (3) a comprehensive plan for using the education technology selected  
31 to achieve the educational goals and objectives;

1 (4) a description of the relationship between the application and the  
2 district's goals for student performance outlined in the report submitted under  
3 AS 14.03.120;

4 (5) required initial and ongoing training for teachers to effectively use  
5 the education technology in the classroom;

6 (6) a description of the education technology proposed to be purchased;

7 (7) a proposed budget;

8 (8) a description of local efforts or resources that will be contributed;

9 (9) provisions for site preparation, equipment security, and required  
10 technical and maintenance support;

11 (10) criteria and methods that will be used to periodically evaluate and  
12 document progress in achieving the educational goals and objectives;

13 (11) a description of local partnerships that are or will be involved in  
14 the planning, implementation, or evaluation of the project; and

15 (12) documentation of the process used by the public school to develop  
16 the plan.

17 (e) A project or grant application submitted by a publicly funded library under  
18 (b) of this section must include

19 (1) library goals and objectives, including how the education technology  
20 will improve services of the library or access to resource sharing;

21 (2) the sum of money to be provided by the department and by the  
22 publicly funded library;

23 (3) a comprehensive plan for using the education technology selected  
24 to achieve library goals and objectives;

25 (4) required initial and ongoing training for library personnel to  
26 effectively use the education technology;

27 (5) a description of the education technology proposed to be purchased;

28 (6) a proposed budget;

29 (7) a description of local efforts or resources that will be contributed;

30 (8) provisions for site preparation, equipment security, and required  
31 technical and maintenance support; and

- 1 (9) whether the library participates in a resource sharing system;  
 2 (10) documentation of the process used by the library to develop the  
 3 plan.

4 (f) A copy of a project or grant application that is submitted to the department,  
 5 that complies with (d) or (e) of this section, and for which funding will be requested  
 6 in the next fiscal year, shall be submitted to the presiding officer of each house of the  
 7 legislature by December 15 of each year.

8 (g) The department shall administer grants awarded under this section and shall  
 9 include a report on the projects receiving funds as part of the department's annual  
 10 report required under AS 14.03.120(e).

11 Sec. 14.30.810. REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN GRANT PROGRAM. (a)  
 12 In order to receive a grant or have a project funded under this chapter, a district or  
 13 publicly funded library must provide a percentage share of the project cost, as  
 14 determined under (b) of this section.

15 (b) The required participating share for a district or a publicly funded library  
 16 is based on the district's full value per ADM, which is calculated by dividing the full  
 17 and true value of the taxable real and personal property in the district, calculated as  
 18 described in AS 14.17.025(a)(1), by the district average daily membership, for the  
 19 same fiscal year for which the valuation was made. The district's full value per ADM  
 20 determines the district's or publicly funded library's required participating share, as  
 21 follows:

Full Value Per ADM	Participating Share
\$0 - \$100,000	5 percent
100,001 - 300,000	30 percent
300,001 - 600,000	40 percent
over 600,000	50 percent.

27 (c) State funds provided under AS 14.11 may not be used as a source of the  
 28 required participating share under (b) of this section.

29 Sec. 14.30.820. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF  
 30 REVENUE. The commissioner of revenue is the treasurer of the fund and has the  
 31 following powers and duties under this section:

1 (1) to act as official custodian of the cash and investments belonging  
2 to the fund by securing adequate and safe custodial facilities;

3 (2) to collect the principal and income from investments owned or  
4 acquired by the state treasury and deposit the amounts in separate principal and income  
5 accounts for the fund;

6 (3) to invest and reinvest the assets of the fund as provided in this  
7 section and as provided for the investment of funds under AS 37.10.071;

8 (4) to exercise the powers of an owner with respect to the assets of the  
9 fund;

10 (5) to do all acts, whether or not expressly authorized, that the  
11 commissioner of revenue considers necessary or proper in administering the assets of  
12 the fund;

13 (6) to maintain accounting records of the fund in accordance with  
14 investment accounting principles and with distinction between the principal and income  
15 accounts of the fund;

16 (7) to engage an independent firm of certified public accountants to  
17 annually audit the financial condition of the fund's investments and investment  
18 transactions;

19 (8) to enter into and enforce contracts or agreements considered  
20 necessary for the investment purposes of the fund;

21 (9) to report to the department the condition and investment  
22 performance of the fund;

23 (10) to report the balance in the income account of the fund to the  
24 presiding officer of each house of the legislature by December 15 of each year.

25 Sec. 14.30.850. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.30.800 - 14.30.850,

26 (1) "average daily membership" has the meaning given in  
27 AS 14.17.250;

28 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.250;

29 (3) "education technology" means instructional equipment and materials  
30 that are used to enhance the quality and effectiveness of teaching and learning, and to  
31 enhance access to information in libraries, including hardware, software, and

1 telecommunications;

2 (4) "fund" means the Alaska education technology fund;

3 (5) "publicly funded library" means a library eligible for a grant under

4 AS 14.56.310.

5 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1995.