

HOUSE BILL NO. 385

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: House Special Committee on Telecommunications, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the division of information services in the Department of**
2 **Administration to prepare a request for proposals concerning access for Alaska**
3 **students to computers and the Internet."**

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

5 * **Section 1. COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS.** (a) The division of information services
6 in the Department of Administration shall prepare a request for proposals for a program to
7 provide each student in the state with a computer and access to the Internet. The proposals
8 shall be based on establishing a program that includes furnishing every student in the state
9 who is enrolled in grades one through 12 and every full-time student at a postsecondary
10 institution in the state with

11 (1) a computer; the computer may be a lap-top style computer capable of being
12 carried from school to the student's home;

13 (2) software appropriate to the student's level, age, course requirements, ability,
14 and aptitudes, appropriate hardware, and maintenance for six years;

1 (3) opportunities for individual learning programs; and

2 (4) access to the Internet.

3 (b) The division's request for proposals may permit the establishment of different
4 approaches for different geographic regions or political regions of the state.

5 (c) The division's request for proposals shall

6 (1) encourage a person submitting a proposal to be creative as long as the
7 minimum objectives of the program are met;

8 (2) recommend a plan for administering the program described in (a) of this
9 section;

10 (3) invite a person submitting a proposal to offer alternatives or deviations
11 from the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section;

12 (4) contain an estimate of the initial cost of the program and a cost schedule
13 for the six-year life of the program;

14 (5) require, under AS 36.30.210(e), that a person submitting a proposal have
15 a valid Alaska business license at the time that the proposal is submitted; and

16 (6) permit a person submitting a proposal to offer to provide part of the
17 program required by (a) of this section based on providing service to a political or geographic
18 region or to providing service to some but not all of the education levels included in the
19 program; the division may make more than one award.

20 (d) The division may make recommendations to the legislature concerning the
21 proposals that differ from the recommendations described in (a) - (c) of this section.

22 (e) The division shall inform the legislature concerning the request for proposals. The
23 division may not award a bid for the program unless money is appropriated for that purpose
24 by the legislature.

25 (f) In this section,

26 (1) "division" means the division of information services in the Department of
27 Administration;

28 (2) "program" means the program described in (a) of this section.