

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 191(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/00
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DYSON, Kohring, Mulder, Rokeberg

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to charter schools."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.250(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A charter school may be established as provided under AS 14.03.250 -
5 14.03.290 upon the approval of the local school board and the state Board of
6 Education of an application for a charter school. The state Board of Education may
7 not approve more than 60 [30] charter schools to operate in the state at any one time
8 [AND SHALL APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOLS IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY
9 BALANCED MANNER AS FOLLOWS: NOT MORE THAN 10 SCHOOLS IN
10 ANCHORAGE; NOT MORE THAN FIVE SCHOOLS IN FAIRBANKS; NOT MORE
11 THAN THREE SCHOOLS IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH; NOT
12 MORE THAN THREE SCHOOLS IN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; NOT
13 MORE THAN TWO SCHOOLS IN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU; NOT
14 MORE THAN SEVEN SCHOOLS LOCATED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE,
15 AND THESE SEVEN SCHOOLS SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS NEARLY

1 AS POSSIBLE IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED MANNER THROUGHOUT
2 THE REST OF THE STATE].

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.255(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) A charter school shall operate under a contract between the charter school
5 and the local school board. A contract must contain the following provisions:

6 (1) a description of the educational program;

7 (2) specific levels of achievement for the education program;

8 (3) admission policies and procedures;

9 (4) administrative policies;

10 (5) a statement of the charter school's funding allocation from the local
11 school board, **including the itemized costs of administrative or other services to be**
12 **provided** [AND COSTS ASSIGNABLE] to the charter school [PROGRAM
13 BUDGET];

14 (6) **the** method by which the charter school will account for receipts
15 and expenditures;

16 (7) **the** location and description of the facility;

17 (8) **the** name of the teacher, or teachers, who, by agreement between
18 the charter school and the teacher, will teach in the charter school;

19 (9) **the** teacher-to-student ratio;

20 (10) **the** number of students served;

21 (11) the term of the contract, not to exceed a term of **10** [FIVE] years;

22 (12) a termination clause providing that the contract may be terminated
23 by the local school board for the failure of the charter school to meet educational
24 achievement goals or fiscal management standards, or for other good cause;

25 (13) a statement that the charter school will comply with all state and
26 federal requirements for receipt and use of public money;

27 (14) **a clause providing that the charter school's budget shall be**
28 **increased to reflect operating cost savings achieved by the charter school; in this**
29 **paragraph, "operating cost savings" means the estimated value of educational or**
30 **related services provided by the district to all schools in the district that are not**
31 **provided to the charter school;**

1 **(15)** other requirements or exemptions agreed upon by the charter
2 school and the local school board.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.255(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) A charter school may be operated in an existing school district facility or
5 in a facility within the school district that is not currently being used as a public
6 school, if the chief school administrator determines the facility meets requirements for
7 health and safety applicable to **public buildings or** other public schools in the district.

8 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.275 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 14.03.275. Contracts; duration.** A contract for a charter school may be
10 for a term of no more than **10** [FIVE] years [AND MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND
11 JULY 1, 2005].

12 * **Sec. 5.** Section 9, ch. 77, SLA 1995, is repealed.