

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to tuition vouchers for education; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

5 **Chapter 31. Tuition Vouchers.**

6 **Sec. 14.31.010. Department to administer vouchers.** The department shall  
7 administer a tuition voucher system under the provisions of this chapter.

8 **Sec. 14.31.020. Tuition vouchers.** (a) The parent or guardian of a child  
9 receiving a comparable education as specified under AS 14.30.010(b)(1) may apply for  
10 a tuition voucher from the department.

11 (b) A tuition voucher may be redeemed through the department for the actual  
12 cost to the parent or guardian of the child's tuition for the school year or the per  
13 student amount represented by the child in that school district under AS 14.17,  
14 whichever is less. To redeem a tuition voucher, the parent shall establish to the

1 satisfaction of the department the actual cost of the child's tuition for the school year  
2 and that the child is receiving a comparable education under AS 14.30.010(b)(1).

3 (c) The department may adopt regulations to administer the tuition voucher  
4 system under this section.

5 **Sec. 14.31.030. Appropriations for tuition vouchers.** The legislature may  
6 make appropriations to the department for the tuition voucher system. If the  
7 appropriation for the tuition voucher system is insufficient in a given fiscal year, the  
8 department shall distribute the available funds on a pro rata basis.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.