

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 191(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

SENATORS Halford, Pearce, Donley, Green, Ward

**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 and costs assignable to the charter school program budget;

12 (6) the method by which the charter school will account for receipts  
13 and expenditures;

14 (7) the location and description of the facility;

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

17 (9) the teacher-to-student ratio;

18 (10) the number of students served;

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

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

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

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

30 (15) other requirements or exemptions agreed upon by the charter  
31 school and the local school board.

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

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

6 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.260 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (e) In addition to the amount provided to an approved charter school in the  
8 annual program budget under (a) of this section, a charter school budget must include  
9 an allocation equal to the amount determined by dividing the amount of local revenues  
10 contributed under AS 14.17.410(c) by the average daily membership of the district and  
11 multiplying that number by the average daily membership of the charter school.

12 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.03.275 is amended to read:

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

16 \* **Sec. 6.** Section 9, ch. 77, SLA 1995, is repealed.