

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WILSON, Lancaster, Cissna, Stevens, Chenault, James, Bunde, Dyson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act making an appropriation to the Legislative Council for a study of school**
2 **district cost factors; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The Alaska State Legislature intends that the
5 Legislative Council, in consultation with the Department of Education and Early
6 Development, use the appropriation made by sec. 2 of this Act to prepare and contract for the
7 preparation of a study recommending district cost factors to be used as a component of the
8 formula for determining funding of public education under AS 14.17.460 and submit the
9 study to the legislature by January 15, 2002. The study

10 (1) should be based on the cost of providing an education in each school
11 district;

12 (2) should consider the cost of living, including the cost of food, housing,
13 utilities, transportation, medical expenses, property values, or other costs that contribute to the
14 actual cost of operating a school;

1 (3) should use Anchorage as a base value for comparing costs between school
2 districts;

3 (4) may consider information from state, federal, or private sources to
4 document cost differentials between districts; and

5 (5) shall be completed by contract.

6 * **Sec. 2.** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The sum of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
7 general fund to the Legislative Council for a study of school district cost factors for the fiscal
8 year ending June 30, 2002.

9 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.