

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Finance

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 use the appropriation made by sec. 2 of this Act to prepare or contract for
6 the preparation of a study of the district cost factors used as a component of the formula for
7 determining funding of public education under AS 14.17.460 and submit the study to the
8 legislature by January 15, 2002. The study

9 (1) should be based on the cost of doing business in each school district;

10 (2) should consider the cost of living, including the cost of food, utilities,
11 transportation, medical expenses, property values, or other costs that contribute to the cost of
12 doing business;

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

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

3 (5) may be completed by contract.

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

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