

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(EDU)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Offered: 4/5/01**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WILSON, Lancaster, Cissna, Stevens**

**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, housing,  
11 utilities, transportation, medical expenses, property values, or other costs that contribute to the  
12 cost of 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.