

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 174(FIN) am

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TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the state centralized correspondence study program, to funding for**
2 **educational programs that occur primarily outside school facilities, and to the duties of**
3 **school boards of borough and city school districts and regional educational attendance**
4 **areas; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
7 to read:

8 PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to provide a one-year transition period in
9 which the functions performed by the Alyeska Central School can be assumed by another
10 educational organization, such as a charter school or a school district of the state.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.020(a)(9) is amended to read:

12 (9) **exercise general supervision over** [PROVIDE ACCREDITED]
13 elementary and secondary correspondence study programs **offered by municipal**
14 **school districts or regional educational attendance areas; the department may**

1 **also offer and make** available to any Alaskan through a centralized office **a** [OF]
 2 correspondence study **program**;

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.08.111(1) is amended to read:

4 (1) provide, during the school term of each year, an educational
 5 program for each school age child who is **enrolled in or** a resident of the district;

6 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.14.090(2) is amended to read:

7 (2) provide for, during the school term of each year, an educational
 8 program for each school age child who is **enrolled in or** a resident of the district;

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.14.120(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) An inoperative school board shall, if practicable, pay the tuition and
 11 boarding costs necessary to enable the school age children within the district to attend
 12 school in another district. If a child in an inoperative school district is not attending
 13 school in another district, the department shall provide **information on**
 14 correspondence courses and other materials and charge the school board of the
 15 inoperative district an amount equal to the actual cost to the department.

16 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.17.600(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Within two weeks after the end of the 20-school-day period ending the
 18 fourth Friday in October, each district shall transmit a report to the department that,
 19 under regulations adopted by the department, reports its ADM for that counting period
 20 and other student count information that will aid the department in making a
 21 determination of its state aid under the public school funding program. For centralized
 22 correspondence study, the October report shall be based on the period from July 1
 23 through the fourth Friday in October [, EXCEPT THAT SUMMER SCHOOL
 24 STUDENTS SHALL BE COUNTED AS A PROPORTIONATE FRACTION AS
 25 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT]. The department may make necessary
 26 corrections in the report submitted and shall notify the district of changes made. The
 27 commissioner shall notify the governor of additional appropriations the commissioner
 28 estimates to be necessary to fully finance the public school funding program for the
 29 current fiscal year.

30 * **Sec. 7.** AS 39.25.160(e)(7) is amended to read:

31 (7) certificated teachers employed [BY THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT] as correspondence teachers, teachers
2 in skill centers operated by the Department of Education and Early Development, or
3 teachers at Mt. Edgecumbe School;

4 * **Sec. 8.** Section 6 of this Act take effect July 1, 2003.

5 * **Sec. 9.** Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2004.