

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 259(EDU)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 4/23/03

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GATTO

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to school transportation; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.09.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 **Sec. 14.09.010. Transportation of pupils.** (a) A school district that provides
5 student transportation services is eligible to receive funding for operating the student
6 transportation system. Subject to appropriation, the amount of funding provided by
7 the state under this section is the lesser of the amount determined by multiplying the
8 amount of the school district's ADM less the ADM for the district's correspondence
9 programs during the current fiscal year

10 (1) by a per student allocation computed by dividing the amount
11 received by the school district under this section during fiscal year 2003 by the school
12 district's ADM less the ADM for the district's correspondence programs during fiscal
13 year 2003; or

14 (2) by \$1,200 per student.

15 (b) In this section,

1 (1) "ADM" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

2 (2) "district's ADM" means the sum of the ADMs in the district.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.09.020 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.09.020. Transportation for nonpublic school students.** In those
5 places in the state where [THE DEPARTMENT OR] a school district provides
6 transportation for children attending public schools, the **district** [DEPARTMENT]
7 also shall provide transportation for children who, in compliance with the provisions
8 of AS 14.30, attend nonpublic schools that are administered in compliance with state
9 law where the children, in order to reach the nonpublic schools, must travel distances
10 comparable to, and over routes the same as, the distances and routes over which the
11 children attending public schools are transported. The **district** [COMMISSIONER]
12 shall administer this nonpublic school student transportation program, integrating it
13 into existing systems as much as feasible [, AND THE COST OF THE PROGRAM
14 SHALL BE PAID FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY
15 THE LEGISLATURE].

16 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
17 read:

18 **COST ADJUSTMENT.** Adjustment to the amount of money set per student in this
19 Act shall be done on an individual district basis, based on cost increases or decreases.

20 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.