

**HOUSE BILL NO. 425**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL**

**Introduced: 2/4/04**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to funding for school districts operating secondary school boarding**  
2 **programs, to funding for school districts from which boarding students come, and to**  
3 **inoperative school districts; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.14.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (e) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a district with fewer than eight children  
7 eligible to attend elementary and secondary school may not be declared inoperative if  
8 the district would have at least eight eligible children if each eligible child from the  
9 district who is enrolled in a district secondary school boarding program outside of the  
10 district and operated under AS 14.16.200 were counted as a student in the district.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 **Article 2. School Districts Operating Boarding Programs.**

13 **Sec. 14.16.200. State funding for districts operating secondary school**  
14 **boarding programs.** (a) A district that began operating a secondary school boarding

1 program before January 1, 2004, is eligible to receive reimbursement for the costs  
 2 incurred by the district in operating that program. To be eligible for reimbursement  
 3 for costs, the district secondary school boarding program must provide a suitable  
 4 student dormitory licensed under AS 47.35.015(h) and daily access to a public school  
 5 offering the appropriate grade level.

6 (b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this  
 7 section are

8 (1) one round trip between the student's community of residence and  
 9 the school during the school year if the district expends money for the trip; and

10 (2) a per-pupil stipend determined by the department on a regional  
 11 basis.

12 (c) In this section,

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

14 (2) "district secondary school boarding program" means a public  
 15 school operated by a district in which domiciliary services are provided for students in  
 16 grades nine through 12.

17 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.905 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (c) Notwithstanding (a)(1) of this section, a community with an ADM of less  
 19 than 10 shall be counted as a school if the ADM would be at least 10 if each student  
 20 from the community who is enrolled in a district secondary school boarding program  
 21 outside of the student's community and operated under AS 14.16.200 were counted as  
 22 a student in the community.

23 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.14.120(e); AS 14.16.200; and AS 14.17.905(c) are repealed July 1, 2009.

24 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.