

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 425(EDU)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 3/18/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Gara, Joule, Lynn

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

7 **Sec. 14.16.200. State funding for districts operating secondary school**  
8 **boarding programs.** (a) A district that began operating a secondary school boarding  
9 program before January 1, 2004, is eligible to receive reimbursement for the costs  
10 incurred by the district in operating that program. To be eligible for reimbursement  
11 for costs, the district secondary school boarding program must provide a suitable  
12 student dormitory licensed under AS 47.35.015(h) and daily access to a public school  
13 offering the appropriate grade level.

14 (b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this

1 section are

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

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

6 (c) In this section,

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

8 (2) "district secondary school boarding program" means a public  
9 school operated for a full school year by a district in which domiciliary services are  
10 provided for students in grades nine through 12.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.905 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

17 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.16.200 and AS 14.17.905(c) are repealed July 1, 2009.

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