

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/14/05

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Neuman, Joule, Gara, Salmon, Samuels, Gardner, McGuire, Dahlstrom, Foster, Kapsner, Anderson, Chenault, Ramras, Crawford, Guttenberg

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 the**
3 **effectiveness of district secondary school boarding programs; and providing for an**
4 **effective date."**

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

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

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

8 **Sec. 14.16.200. State funding for districts operating secondary school**
9 **boarding programs.** (a) A district that began operating a secondary school boarding
10 program before January 1, 2005, is eligible to receive reimbursement for the costs
11 incurred by the district in operating that program. To be eligible for reimbursement
12 for costs, the district secondary school boarding program must provide a suitable
13 student dormitory licensed under AS 47.35.015(h) and daily access to a public school
14 offering the appropriate grade level.

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

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

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

7 (c) In this section,

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

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

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

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

18 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.16.200 and AS 14.17.905(c) are repealed July 1, 2010.

19 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
20 read:

21 **REPORT ON SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARDING PROGRAMS.** Not later than
22 February 1, 2010, the department shall provide to the governor a report on the effectiveness of
23 the district secondary school boarding programs operated by school districts. The department
24 shall include draft legislation to extend the cost reimbursement under AS 14.16.200 and the
25 student counting method under AS 14.17.905(c) for boarding school programs if the
26 department finds that continuation of the programs is in the best interest of the state. The
27 department shall make the report available to the public and to the legislature.

28 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2005.