

SENATE BILL NO. 281

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 2/13/06

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to interdistrict operation of public schools; relating to enrollment of**
2 **students by school districts and regional educational attendance areas; and relating to**
3 **charter schools and correspondence programs."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.250 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (d) A local school board and the state Board of Education and Early
7 Development may approve an application to establish a charter school that allows
8 enrollment of students who reside outside of the district or regional educational
9 attendance area and that establishes a charter school outside of the district or regional
10 educational attendance area.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.12.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits the expansion of a school district
13 operating area by the governing body of a borough or city school district to allow
14 enrollment of students who reside outside of the district or regional educational

1 attendance area boundaries and to establish schools outside of the district or regional
2 educational attendance area boundaries.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.14 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.14.112. Interdistrict operation of a public school by a district.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a school district may

6 (1) operate a public school located in an area of another district
7 established under AS 14.12.010; and

8 (2) enroll students who reside in the state in any public school operated
9 by the district at the written request of the parent or legal guardian of the student.

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.17.430 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 (b) In this section, "correspondence study program" and "correspondence
12 program" mean a public school instructional delivery system for students in grades
13 one through 12, or a combination of those grades, that connects students with
14 educational resources but that does not have routine daily responsibility for the
15 physical safety, behavior, or health of students enrolled in the program.