

SENATE BILL NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS THOMAS, Elton, Stevens, Davis

Introduced: 1/21/09

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to charter school funding."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.17.450 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, if the student count in a charter
5 school is less than 150, the adjusted student count for the school shall be calculated by
6 multiplying the student count by the student rate for a school that has a student count
7 of 400.

8 (d) If a charter school has a student count of more than 120 but less than 150
9 for the current year and is in the first year of operation or had a student count of 150 or
10 more in the previous year of operation,

11 (1) the adjusted student count for the school shall be calculated by
12 multiplying the student count by 95 percent of the student rate for a school that has a
13 student count of 150; and

14 (2) not later than February 15, the charter school shall submit for
15 approval of the governing board of the district a plan for the following school year that

1 includes a statement about whether the school will continue to operate if the student
2 count remains the same that year and, if so, a projection of the funding anticipated
3 from the state and other sources, a proposed budget, and a description of anticipated
4 changes to the school staff, program, and curriculum; if the school intends to close if
5 the student count remains the same the following year, the plan must describe transfer
6 plans for students, staff, facilities, and materials.

7 (e) In (c) and (d) of this section, "student rate" is calculated by adding the base
8 and the multiplier provided under (a) of this section and dividing the sum by the
9 student count.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.905(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) Notwithstanding (a)(3) of this section **and for purposes other than**
12 **calculations under AS 14.17.450**, a charter school shall be counted as a separate
13 school if the charter school has an ADM of at least 150 students.