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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the vocational and technical instruction funding factor for public  
2 school funding."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.17.410(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Public school funding consists of state aid, a required local contribution,  
6 and eligible federal impact aid determined as follows:

7 (1) state aid equals basic need minus a required local contribution and  
8 90 percent of eligible federal impact aid for that fiscal year; basic need equals the sum  
9 obtained under (D) of this paragraph, multiplied by the base student allocation set out  
10 in AS 14.17.470; district adjusted ADM is calculated as follows:

11 (A) the ADM of each school in the district is calculated by  
12 applying the school size factor to the student count as set out in AS 14.17.450;

13 (B) the number obtained under (A) of this paragraph is  
14 multiplied by the district cost factor described in AS 14.17.460;

1 (C) the ADMs of each school in a district, as adjusted  
2 according to (A) and (B) of this paragraph, are added; the sum is then  
3 multiplied by the special needs factor set out in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) and the  
4 **secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding** [HIGH  
5 SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION] factor set out in  
6 AS 14.17.420(a)(3);

7 (D) the number obtained for intensive services under  
8 AS 14.17.420(a)(2) and the number obtained for correspondence study under  
9 AS 14.17.430 are added to the number obtained under (C) of this paragraph;

10 (E) notwithstanding (A) - (C) of this paragraph, if a school  
11 district's ADM adjusted for school size under (A) of this paragraph decreases  
12 by five percent or more from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year, the school  
13 district may use the last fiscal year before the decrease as a base fiscal year to  
14 offset the decrease, according to the following method:

15 (i) for the first fiscal year after the base fiscal year  
16 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted  
17 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as  
18 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 75 percent of the  
19 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the  
20 base fiscal year and the first fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

21 (ii) for the second fiscal year after the base fiscal year  
22 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted  
23 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as  
24 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 50 percent of the  
25 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the  
26 base fiscal year and the second fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

27 (iii) for the third fiscal year after the base fiscal year  
28 determined under this subparagraph, the school district's ADM adjusted  
29 for school size determined under (A) of this paragraph is calculated as  
30 the district's ADM adjusted for school size, plus 25 percent of the  
31 difference in the district's ADM adjusted for school size between the

1 base fiscal year and the third fiscal year after the base fiscal year;

2 (F) the method established in (E) of this paragraph is available  
3 to a school district for the three fiscal years following the base fiscal year  
4 determined under (E) of this paragraph only if the district's ADM adjusted for  
5 school size determined under (A) of this paragraph for each fiscal year is less  
6 than the district's ADM adjusted for school size in the base fiscal year;

7 (G) the method established in (E) of this paragraph does not  
8 apply to a decrease in the district's ADM adjusted for school size resulting  
9 from a loss of enrollment that occurs as a result of a boundary change under  
10 AS 29;

11 (2) the required local contribution of a city or borough school district is  
12 the equivalent of a four mill tax levy on the full and true value of the taxable real and  
13 personal property in the district as of January 1 of the second preceding fiscal year, as  
14 determined by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic  
15 Development under AS 14.17.510 and AS 29.45.110, not to exceed 45 percent of a  
16 district's basic need for the preceding fiscal year as determined under (1) of this  
17 subsection.

18 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.420(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) As a component of public school funding, a district is eligible for special  
20 needs and **secondary** [HIGH] school vocational and technical instruction funding and  
21 may be eligible for intensive services funding as follows:

22 (1) special needs funding is available to a district to assist the district  
23 in providing special education, gifted and talented education, vocational education,  
24 and bilingual education services to its students; a special needs funding factor of 1.20  
25 shall be applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1);

26 (2) in addition to the special needs funding for which a district is  
27 eligible under (1) of this subsection, a district is eligible for intensive services funding  
28 for each special education student who needs and receives intensive services and is  
29 enrolled on the last day of the count period; for each such student, intensive services  
30 funding is equal to the intensive student count multiplied by 13;

31 (3) in addition to the special needs and intensive services funding

1 available under (1) and (2) of this subsection, **secondary** [HIGH] school vocational  
 2 and technical instruction funding is available to assist districts in providing vocational  
 3 and technical instruction to students who are enrolled in **a secondary school; a**  
 4 **secondary** [GRADES NINE THROUGH 12; A HIGH] school vocational and  
 5 technical instruction funding factor of 1.01 shall be applied as set out in  
 6 AS 14.17.410(b)(1); in this paragraph, "vocational and technical instruction" excludes  
 7 costs associated with

8 (A) administrative expenses; and

9 (B) instruction in general literacy, mathematics, and job  
 10 readiness skills.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.440(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) Except as provided in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for state boarding schools  
 13 established under AS 14.16.010 includes an allocation from the public education fund  
 14 in an amount calculated by

15 (1) determining the ADM of state boarding schools by applying the  
 16 school size factor to the student count as described in AS 14.17.450;

17 (2) multiplying the number obtained under (1) of this subsection by the  
 18 special needs factor in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) and the **secondary school vocational and**  
 19 **technical instruction funding** [HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION]  
 20 factor set out in AS 14.17.420(a)(3) and multiplying that product by the base student  
 21 allocation; and

22 (3) multiplying the product determined under (2) of this subsection by  
 23 the district cost factor that is applicable to calculation of the state aid for the adjacent  
 24 school district under AS 14.17.460.