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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act requiring school districts to provide a plan for hiring highly qualified teachers; adjusting the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education to account for inflation since fiscal year 2011; and providing for an effective date."

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

*** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION ADJUSTMENT: LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. The base student allocation has not been increased since fiscal year 2011. In 2013, the Legislature is working on the fiscal year 2014 budget during the First Regular Session. The purpose of secs. 3 and 4 of this Act is to avoid a loss of public education funding caused by inflation rates in the state.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.120(a) is amended to read:

(a) A district shall annually file with the department, and make available to the

public, a report that

(1) establishes district goals and priorities for improving education in the district;

(2) includes a plan for achieving district goals and priorities **<u>and for hiring highly qualified teachers for the subsequent school year</u>**; and

(3) includes a means of measuring the achievement of district goals and priorities.

*** Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.470 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation. The base student allocation is **<u>$5,966</u>** [$5,680].

*** Sec. 4.** AS 14.17.470 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The department shall annually adjust the base student allocation to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor. The index for the first half of 2012 is the reference base index.

*** Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 2013.

*** Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2014.