

**HOUSE BILL NO. 179**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act providing for public school funding for telecommunications or Internet  
2 services."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.127. Funding for telecommunications or Internet services.** (a) A  
6 district that is entitled to a discount on telecommunications services or Internet  
7 services under the federal universal services program in 47 U.S.C. 254 and regulations  
8 implementing that section is eligible to receive an amount equal to the difference  
9 between the cost of up to 200 megabytes of telecommunications or Internet services  
10 eligible for the discount and the discount received for those services for a

11 (1) school that qualifies as a Title I school under 20 U.S.C. 6301  
12 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act), as amended; or

13 (2) group of schools in a district that has a weighted average of  
14 students that qualify as a Title I school under 20 U.S.C. 6301.

1                   (b) If insufficient funding is appropriated to provide funding authorized under  
2 (a) of this section, the state share shall be distributed pro rata to eligible school  
3 districts.