

HOUSE BILL NO. 367

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE STORY

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Education, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a computer science program for students in juvenile facilities; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 17. Computer Science Program.**

6 **Sec. 14.30.850. Computer science program.** (a) Each school district that
7 provides educational services within a juvenile facility shall establish and provide to
8 students in the juvenile facility, to the maximum extent practicable, an opportunity to
9 access a computer science program approved by the department. A school district may
10 provide the program through one or more courses offered by the school district, but
11 the program's hours of instruction must in the aggregate be equivalent to a one-half
12 credit hour course. A school district may provide the program through
13 telecommunications or other digital or electronic methods.

14 (b) Each school district that provides educational services within a juvenile

1 facility shall annually report to the commissioner data on the percentage of students
2 who are enrolled in, have partially completed, or have completed the program. The
3 data must be separated by a student's gender, age, and eligibility for free or reduced-
4 price meals under 42 U.S.C. 1751 - 1769j (National School Lunch Act). If a
5 technology security limitation or juvenile facility limitation prevents the school district
6 from providing the program to students in the juvenile facility, the report must include
7 a brief description of the limitation and the actions the school district and juvenile
8 facility are taking to address the limitation.

9 (c) In this section,

10 (1) "juvenile facility" means a juvenile detention facility or juvenile
11 treatment facility as those terms are defined in AS 47.12.990;

12 (2) "program" means the computer science program established in this
13 section;

14 (3) "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

15 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.