

Fiscal Note

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Title: INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS
Sponsor: FINANCE
Requester: Conference Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Broadband Assistance Grants
OMB Component Number: 3004

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services	381.0		600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	25,000.0		40,000.0	40,000.0	40,000.0	40,000.0	40,000.0	40,000.0
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	25,381.0	0.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	25,381.0		40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0
Total	25,381.0	0.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0	40,600.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

CC: Revised note reflects updated projections.

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would amend AS 14.03.127 funding for internet services to provide Alaska school districts with funding to assist eligible schools in their district reach up to 100 megabytes per second (Mbps) download speed for internet services.

In FY2023, the Alaska School Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG) Program offered \$6,611.9 in grant funding to 151 eligible Alaska schools to reach up to 25 Mbps download speeds. In FY2024, the Alaska School Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG) Program offered \$6,797.9 in grant funding to 136 eligible Alaska schools to reach up to 25 Mbps download speeds.

In FY2025, the Conference Committee estimates \$25,000.00 in grant funding would be needed for all eligible BAG schools to reach up to 100 Mbps download speeds and that amount will increase to \$40,000.0 in the out-years. Additionally, one-time funding of \$6.0 would be provided for updating associated regulations, as estimated by the Department of Education and Early Development. A 1.5% indirect rate adjustment of \$375.0 for FY2025 and \$600.0 in the out years is also reflected in the fiscal note; this indirect rate is estimated by the Department to cover the costs of administering the grants.

This bill has an immediate effective date.