

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 21, 2024**

**Thirty-seventh Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:10 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey of Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

God of the covenant you pledged your commitment to us into all your creation. Continue to keep us in your loving care and help us to care for each other as you hear the prayers we make for ourselves and each other to the source of our salvation. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stutes.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 36th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Dept. of Fish & Game  
Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources  
McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge  
2023 Annual Report  
January 2024  
(as required by AS 16.20.041 and 16.20.162)

Dept. of Fish & Game  
Division of Wildlife Conservation  
Board of Game Allocation of Big Game Hunting  
Annual Report  
February 20, 2024  
(as required by AS 16.05.050)

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 386**

HOUSE BILL NO. 386 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the obstruction of airports and runways; relating to the obstruction of highways; establishing the crime of obstruction of free passage in public places; relating to the obstruction of public places; relating to the crime of trespassing; relating to the obstruction of navigable waters; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Judiciary Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to obstruction of access to public places. The bill increases the penalties for obstructing

highways and navigable waterways, and for criminal trespass, where there is a substantial risk of physical harm or interference with emergency response. The bill expands criminal liability for obstructing airport runways. The bill also establishes a new crime of obstruction in public places. Finally, the bill creates a new civil cause of action by any person who is obstructed and provides for statutory damages in addition to compensatory and other damages. Liability extends to persons and organizations that conspire with or encourage anyone who engages in public obstruction.

Alaskans have a constitutional liberty interest in freely moving about the State. This bill will protect the right to freedom of movement against infringement by increasing and expanding existing criminal prohibitions on obstructing public places and rights of way and by establishing new civil liability for obstruction of public places.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

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The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:45 a.m.

#### **AFTER AT EASE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:09 a.m.

#### **JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Tilton turned the gavel over to President Stevens who called the joint session to order at 11:09 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Shaw and Senator Kaufman to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

Senator Sullivan delivered his address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 15.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Sullivan received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 12:32 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

### **IN THE HOUSE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Introduction of Guests. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Consideration of the Daily Calendar. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **SENATE BILLS IN SECOND READING**

#### **RESCIND**

##### **SB 140**

The following, which was held to today's calendar in second reading (page 1562) with a motion to rescind previous action in failing to adopt HCS CSSB 140(RLS) pending (page 1536), was before the House:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall the House rescind previous action in failing to adopt HCS CSSB 140(RLS) in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

Rescind Previous Action in Failing to Adopt HCS CSSB 140(RLS)

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, the motion failed.

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

## HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to education; relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; requiring the Department of Education and Early Development to provide information relating to public schools on an Internet website; relating to information on the post-secondary education, career path, and residency of graduates from high schools in the state; relating to transportation of students; relating to state funding for districts operating residential schools; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall HCS CSSB 140(FIN) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

Second Reading

Adopt Finance HCS

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, the motion failed.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Introduction of Guests. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Consideration of the Daily Calendar. And so, the House advanced to:

**SENATE BILLS IN SECOND READING****SB 140**

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 4:15 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 2:36 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 5:21 p.m.

**SENATE BILLS IN SECOND READING****SB 140**

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were not offered.

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Dibert:

Page 1, line 1, following "**districts**;" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to the base student allocation**;"

Page 1, following line 9:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"\* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.470 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is **\$6,640** [\$5,960]."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 1, line 10:

Delete "This"

Delete "Section 1 of this"

Page 1, following line 10:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."

Representative Dibert moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

Representative Eastman objected.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Gray:

Page 1, line 7 of the amendment:

Delete "\$6,640"

Insert "\$7,850"

Representative Gray moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.



Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Ortiz:

Page 1, line 7 of the amendment:

Delete "\$6,640"

Insert "\$6,840"

Representative Ortiz moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Himschoot:

Page 1, line 7 of the amendment:

Delete "\$6,640"

Insert "\$7,230"

Representative Himschoot moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

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The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Carrick:

Page 1, line 7 of the amendment:

Delete "\$6,640"

Insert "\$7,373"

Representative Carrick moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 5 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Story:

Page 1, following line 8 of the amendment:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Sec. 3. AS 13.17.470** is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) On July 1, 2025, the department shall increase the base student allocation by a percentage equal to the average percentage of increase over the preceding four calendar years in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for urban Alaska prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Amendment No. 5 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 5 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 6 to Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Story:

Page 1, following line 8:

Insert "**Sec. 3. AS 14.17.470**, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is \$6,760 [\$6,640].

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, following line 18:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"\*Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025."

Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 to Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Amendment No. 6 to Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 6 to Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading  
Amendment No. 5

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 6 was not offered.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Mears:

Page 1, following line 9:

Insert:

"AS 14.09.010(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) A school district that provides student transportation services for the transportation of students who reside a distance from established schools is eligible to receive funding for operating or subcontracting the operation of the transportation system for students to and from the schools within the student's transportation service area. Subject to appropriation, the amount of funding provided by the state for operating the student transportation system is the amount of a school district's ADM, less the ADM for the district's correspondence programs during the current fiscal year, multiplied by the per student amount for the school district as follows, for the school years beginning July 1, 2023:

DISTRICT	PER STUDENT AMOUNT
Alaska Gateway	\$2,536
Aleutians East	378
Anchorage	531
Annette Island	222
Bering Strait	60
Bristol Bay	3,257
Chatham	342

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Copper River	1,934
Cordova	409
Craig	515
Delta/Greely	2,019
Denali	2,203
Dillingham	1,484
Fairbanks	995
Galena	310
Haines	763
Hoonah	364
Iditarod	258
Juneau	735
Kake	331
Kashunamiut	6
Kenai Peninsula	1,115
Ketchikan	886
Klawock	712
Kodiak Island	974
Kuspuk	797
Lake and Peninsula	468
Lower Kuskokwim	338
Lower Yukon	1
Matanuska-Susitna	1,109
Nenana	716
Nome	757
North Slope	1,365
Northwest Arctic	30
Pelican	88
Petersburg	457
Saint Mary's	235
Sitka	522
Skagway	44
Southeast Island	1,408
Southwest Region	728
Tanana	581
Unalaska	790
Valdez	897
Wrangell	854
Yakutat	907
Yukon Flats	322

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200(b) is amended to read:

(b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this section are

(1) one round trip on the least expensive means of transportation between the student's community of residence and the school during the school year if the district expends money for the trip; and

(2) a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses as determined by the department on a regional basis and not to exceed the following amounts:

(A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), \$1,845 [\$1,230];

(B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), \$1,800 [\$1,200];

(C) for the Interior Region (Region III), \$2,178 [\$1,452];

(D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), \$2,264 [\$1,509];

(E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), \$2,664 [\$1,776]".

Representative Mears moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Mears moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment Nos. 8-16 were not offered.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 7:13 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 9:21 p.m.

**SENATE BILLS IN SECOND READING**

**SB 140**

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment Nos. 17, 18, and 19 were not offered.

Amendment No. 20 was offered by Representative Josephson:

Page 1, line 1, following "**districts;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to instruction in mental health;**"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert new bill sections to read:

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

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Board of Education and Early Development develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Family and Community Services, regional tribal health organizations, and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.

**\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.016(a) is amended to read:

(a) A local school board shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and school administrators, adopt policies to promote the involvement of parents in the school district's education program. The policies must include procedures

(1) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to object to and withdraw the child from a standards-based assessment or test required by the state;

(2) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to object to and withdraw the child from an activity, class, or program;

(3) providing for parent notification not less than two weeks before any activity, class, or program that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters is provided to a child;

(4) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to withdraw the child from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state for a religious holiday, as defined by the parent;



(5) providing a parent with an opportunity to review the content of an activity, class, performance standard, or program;

(6) ensuring that, when a child is absent from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state under this section, the absence is not considered an unlawful absence under AS 14.30.020 if the child's parent withdrew the child from the activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test or gave permission for the child's absence;

**(7) providing for parent notification not less than two weeks before any class or program that provides instruction in mental health is provided to a child.**

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "Section 1"

Insert "Sec. 3"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"\* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each district in the state public school system shall be encouraged to initiate and conduct a program in health education for kindergarten through grade 12. The program should include instruction in [PHYSICAL] health and personal safety including alcohol and drug abuse education, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), early cancer prevention and detection, dental health, family health including infant care, environmental health, **mental health, physical health**, the identification and prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, and appropriate use of health services.

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.30.360(b) is amended to read:

(b) The state board shall establish guidelines for a health and personal safety education program, **including guidelines for developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health. In developing guidelines for developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health, the state board shall consult with the Department of Health, the Department of Family and Community Services, regional tribal health organizations, and**

**representatives of national and state mental health organizations.** Personal safety guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Upon request, the Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Health, **the Department of Family and Community Services,** and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall provide technical assistance to school districts in the development of personal safety curricula. A school health education specialist position shall be established and funded in the department to coordinate the program statewide. Adequate funds to enable curriculum and resource development, adequate consultation to school districts, and a program of teacher training in health and personal safety education shall be provided.

\* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. On July 1, 2026, the state Board of Education and Early Development shall submit a report to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available. The report must

(1) include a copy of the guidelines for developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health developed by the state Board of Education and Early Development as required under AS 14.30.360(b), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act; and

(2) describe the process the state Board of Education and Early Development used to develop the guidelines.

\* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: MENTAL HEALTH GUIDELINES. The state Board of Education and Early Development shall develop the mental health guidelines required by AS 14.30.360(b), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, before July 1, 2026.

\* **Sec. 8.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

\* **Sec. 9.** Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 20 be adopted.

Representative Sumner objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 20 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)  
Second Reading  
Amendment No. 20

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 20 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 21 was offered by Representative Josephson:

Page 1, line 1, following "**districts;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to charter schools;**"

Page 1, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.260 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department shall provide all funds necessary to operate a charter school authorized under AS 14.03.254. The local school district in which the charter school is located may not be required to provide any funding from local sources to the charter school, including funding from the required local contribution and the local contribution under AS 14.17.410(c).

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(8) "charter school" does not include a school authorized under AS 14.03.254.

\* **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

\* **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 21 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 21. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 22 was offered by Representative Josephson:

Page 1, line 1, following "**districts;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to correspondence study program annual student allotments;**"

Page 1, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"\* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) A district that provides for an annual student allotment under this section shall, not later than October 1 of each year, provide to the department the aggregate dollar amount of the student allotments the district has provided in the previous fiscal year under this section.

\* **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

\* **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 22 be adopted.

Representative Ruffridge objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 22 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)

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Amendment No. 22

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 22 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 23 was offered by Representative Josephson:

Page 1, line 1, following "**districts**;" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to correspondence study programs**;"

Page 1, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"\* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.310(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in (e) **and (f)** of this section, the department or a district that provides a correspondence study program may provide an annual student allotment to a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the correspondence study program for the purpose of meeting instructional expenses for the student enrolled in the program as provided in this section.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) The department or a district that provides a correspondence study program may not provide an annual student allotment to a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the correspondence study program if the parent or guardian withdraws the student from or opts the student out of a standards-based test or assessment that is required by the department under AS 14.03.123(f).

\* **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

\* **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 23 be adopted.

Representative Ruffridge objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 23 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 140(FIN)  
Second Reading  
Amendment No. 23

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 23 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 24 was not offered.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSSB 140(FIN) would be held in second reading to tomorrow's calendar.

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 143**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 143(RES)

"An Act relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to advanced recycling and advanced recycling facilities; relating to waste; and providing for an effective date."

### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HJR 7**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring – Allie Ostrander

By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring – Chad Carpenter

By Representative D. Johnson

Honoring - David Ramseur

By Representatives Gray, Fields; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Kern McGinley

By Representatives Gray, McKay; Senator Claman

Honoring - Dr. Priscilla M. Schulte

By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Charles "C.B." Bettisworth

By Representatives Dibert, Stapp; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Jadyne Evamarie Dennis

By Representative Gray; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Bob Arnold Havemeister

By Representatives D. Johnson, Rauscher

In Memoriam - Lyle Russell Simpson

By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Roger Burton Helmer

By Senator Dunbar

In Memoriam – Mary "Nich'it Sheegwal" (Johnson) Frank  
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Kristopher Gerald Shockley  
By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - George W. Seuffert  
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Matthew H. Glover  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Stapp, Prax

In Memoriam - Joe Lynn Shedd  
By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Coulombe – from 7:00 p.m., March 29 to 10:00 p.m., March 31

Representative Ruffridge – from 6:00 p.m., February 23 to 10:30 a.m., February 26

### **HB 291**

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

"An Act relating to reports of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations."

HB 291 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 337**

Representative Mears, citing Uniform Rule 35, moved and asked unanimous consent to replace Representative Fields as prime sponsor to the following:



HOUSE BILL NO. 337  
"An Act establishing 4-H Day."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk