



AMENDMENT #32

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 69(RLS)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCABE

1 Page 9, following line 31:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 "* **Sec. 20.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 PLAN FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION. (a) The Department of
6 Education and Early Development shall develop a school district consolidation plan that, by
7 July 1, 2027, reduces the total number of school districts in the state to 30. The consolidation
8 plan must

9 (1) evaluate school districts for merger based on geographic proximity,
10 student enrollment data, administrative cost savings, and fiscal viability;

11 (2) ensure consolidated districts maintain effective administration and
12 equitable access to educational services, considering maximum allowable geographic size and
13 student population as determined by the department;

14 (3) include a phased implementation schedule, with not fewer than five public
15 hearings held in affected districts before finalizing consolidations;

16 (4) prioritize preservation of educational quality and access for students in
17 rural and remote areas, including regional educational attendance areas.

18 (b) The Department of Education and Early Development, in conjunction with the
19 Department of Law, shall develop proposed legislation to implement the school district
20 consolidation plan. The proposed legislation must address any changes proposed by the plan
21 that require the force of law.

22 (c) The Department of Education and Early Development shall submit the school
23 district consolidation plan, including a copy of the proposed legislation to implement the plan,

1 to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before January 15,
2 2026, and notify the legislature that the plan is available. If the governor supports the school
3 consolidation plan, the governor shall deliver a bill, identical in content to the copy of
4 proposed legislation delivered on January 15, 2026, to the rules committee of each house
5 before the fourth legislative day of the Second Regular Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska
6 State Legislature for introduction.

7 (d) If a bill consolidating school districts is passed by the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State
8 Legislature and enacted into law, the Department of Education and Early Development shall
9 prepare an annual progress report on school district consolidation each year until
10 consolidation is complete, submit the report to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the
11 house of representatives on or before January 15 of each year, and notify the legislature that
12 the report is available."
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14 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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16 Page 10, following line 4:

17 Insert a new bill section to read:

18 "* **Sec. 22.** Section 20 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."
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20 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

21 Page 10, line 9:

22 Delete "secs. 21 - 23"

23 Insert "secs. 22 - 25"