

**HOUSE BILL NO. 248**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN

Introduced: 1/20/26

Referred: Education, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to correspondence study program student assessment participation;**  
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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 article 3 to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.320. Correspondence study program student assessment**  
6 **participation.** (a) A district correspondence program must maintain a correspondence  
7 program student assessment participation rate that meets or exceeds the district student  
8 assessment participation rate.

9 (b) The commissioner shall withhold payments of state aid from a district  
10 correspondence program that fails to meet the requirements under (a) of this section  
11 until the district correspondence program complies with (a) of this section.

12 (c) In this section,

13 (1) "correspondence program student assessment participation rate"  
14 means a quotient, expressed as a percentage, obtained by dividing the number of

1 students enrolled in a correspondence program who took a statewide student  
2 assessment required by the department under AS 14.03.123(f) administered by the  
3 correspondence program by the number of students enrolled in a grade in which the  
4 correspondence program administers the assessment on the first day that the  
5 correspondence program begins administering the assessment;

6 (2) "district correspondence program" includes a district that offers a  
7 statewide correspondence study program;

8 (3) "district student assessment participation rate" means a quotient,  
9 expressed as a percentage, obtained by dividing the number of students enrolled in a  
10 district who took a statewide student assessment required by the department under  
11 AS 14.03.123(f) administered by the district by the number of students enrolled in a  
12 grade in which the district administers the assessment on the first day that the district  
13 begins administering the assessment.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2027.