

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIELDS

Introduced: 2/2/26

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the local contribution made by a city or borough school district; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03.260(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A local school board shall provide an approved charter school with an
6 annual program budget. The budget shall be not less than the amount generated by the
7 students enrolled in the charter school less administrative costs retained by the local
8 school district, determined by applying the indirect cost rate approved by the
9 department up to four percent. Costs directly related to charter school facilities,
10 including rent, utilities, and maintenance, may not be included in an annual program
11 budget for the purposes of calculating the four percent cap on administrative costs
12 under this subsection. A local school board shall provide a charter school with a report
13 itemizing the administrative costs retained by the local school board under this section.
14 The "amount generated by students enrolled in the charter school" is to be determined

1 in the same manner as it would be for a student enrolled in another public school in
 2 that school district and includes funds generated by grants, appropriations, federal
 3 impact aid, the required local contribution, the voluntary local contribution under
 4 AS 14.17.410(c), special needs under AS 14.17.420(a)(1), and secondary school
 5 vocational and technical instruction under AS 14.17.420(a)(3). A school district shall
 6 direct state aid under AS 14.11 for the construction or major maintenance of a charter
 7 school facility to the charter school that generated the state aid, subject to the same
 8 terms and conditions that apply to state aid under AS 14.11 for construction or major
 9 maintenance of a school facility that is not a charter school.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.410(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) In addition to the local contribution required under (b)(2) of this section, a
 12 city or borough school district in a fiscal year may make a voluntary local
 13 contribution in any amount [OF NOT MORE THAN THE GREATER OF

14 (1) THE EQUIVALENT OF A TWO MILL TAX LEVY ON THE
 15 FULL AND TRUE VALUE OF THE TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL
 16 PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE SECOND
 17 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
 18 COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER
 19 AS 14.17.510 AND AS 29.45.110; OR

20 (2) 23 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OF THE DISTRICT'S BASIC
 21 NEED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR UNDER (b)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY
 22 ADDITIONAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT IN A FISCAL
 23 YEAR ACCORDING TO (b) OF THIS SECTION].

24 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.990(6) is amended to read:

25 (6) "local contribution" means appropriations and the value of in-kind
 26 services made by a district for any purpose;

27 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.