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Department: Department of Education and Early Development
 Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
 Allocation: Student and School Achievement
 OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	135.6		135.6	135.6	135.6	135.6	135.6	135.6
Travel								
Services	29.6		17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6
Commodities	5.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	21,981.2		21,971.2	21,971.2	21,971.2	21,971.2	21,971.2	21,971.2
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	22,151.4	0.0	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	22,151.4		22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4
Total	22,151.4	0.0	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4	22,124.4

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **06/30/26**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill addresses several key considerations for education in Alaska that related to the Student and School Achievement component. This includes school attendance, district and school performance designations, district and school accountability, charter schools, reading proficiency incentive grants, mobile communication devices, and a report on regulation of school districts.

One element of this legislation directs school districts to create a policy regarding mobile communication devices in schools. The fiscal impact includes a one-time cost of \$6.0 for legal services associated with regulation development.

Additionally, this bill implements reading proficiency incentive grants for school districts to increase reading proficiency and promote progress towards reading proficiency. Incentive grants in the amount of \$450 (whole dollar) per student in kindergarten through grade six who, according to the statewide screening tool or the state required summative assessment, have met grade level proficiency measures or are exhibiting growth toward proficiency.

A total of 48,847 students either scored as proficient or experienced growth toward proficiency on the literacy screener in kindergarten through grade three and scored as proficient or experienced growth toward proficiency on the Alaska System for Academic Readiness (AK STAR) English language arts summative assessment.

Grade Span	Proficient	Experienced Growth	Total
K-3	14,527	15,327	29,854
4-6	8,229	10,764	18,993
Total	22,756	26,091	48,847

Reading incentive grants are calculated to be \$21,981.2 for districts. This was calculated by adding the number of students who scored proficient or experienced growth toward proficiency in both grade spans (48,847) and multiplying that number by \$450 (whole dollar). In addition, a one-time cost of \$6.0 for legal services associated with regulation development is included.

This bill also adds a charter school coordinator to the department that will be primarily responsible for development of charter school resources and technical assistance and support. One Education Specialist 2 at a Range 21, Step B/C, at \$135.6 annually. Ongoing department chargeback costs associated with the positions would be \$17.6 annually. A one-time cost of \$5.0 for the position would be needed to purchase necessary equipment and supplies.