

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the transportation of pupils; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 14.09.020 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.09.020. TRANSPORTATION FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. In  
11 those places in the state where the department or a school district  
12 provides transportation for children attending public schools, the  
13 department also shall provide transportation for children who, in  
14 compliance with the provisions of ch. 30 of this title, attend non-  
15 public schools which are administered in compliance with state law  
16 where the children, in order to reach the nonpublic schools, must  
17 travel distances comparable to, and over routes the same as, the  
18 distances and routes over which the children attending public  
19 schools are transported. The commissioner shall administer this  
20 nonpublic school student transportation program, integrating it  
21 into existing systems as much as feasible, and the cost of the program  
22 shall be paid from funds appropriated for that purpose by the  
23 legislature. Under this section, existing school transportation routes,  
24 or routes required for new public schools, shall be used, and no new  
25 routes may be established solely to transport children attending  
26 nonpublic schools employing funds appropriated by the legislature.  
27 In this section, "nonpublic schools" means schools established by an  
28 agency other than the state or its political subdivisions which are  
29 primarily supported by other than public funds, the operation of whose

1 program rests with other than publicly elected or appointed officials,  
2 which offers grades kindergarten through 12, or any combination of  
3 them, whose school day in session is equal to that required by AS 14.03.  
4 040, which is required to make attendance and annual reports under  
5 AS 14.45.030, and is state approved or accredited.

6 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
7 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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