

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 343

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Asian language study grant
7 fund."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to

10 (1) assist the public school system to provide Asian language
11 study programs;

12 (2) encourage pupils in the study of Asian languages;

13 (3) promote growth in relations between the state and Pacific
14 Rim nations.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

16 ARTICLE 9. ASIAN LANGUAGE STUDY GRANT FUND.

17 Sec. 14.30.700. ASIAN LANGUAGE STUDY GRANT FUND. (a) The Asian
18 language study grant fund is established. The department may make
19 grants from the fund to eligible districts in the public school system
20 for Asian language study programs in grades K-12. Asian language
21 study programs must be in addition to and not in replacement of exist-
22 ing foreign language programs.

23 (b) The department shall establish by regulation eligibility
24 criteria for receiving grants under this section. The department may
25 not award a grant to a district of the public school system under this
26 section for more than three consecutive fiscal years.

27 (c) For purposes of this section, "Asian language" means
28 Chinese, Japanese, or Korean languages.