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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 343 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Pacific Rim 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 Pacific Rim
11 language study programs;

12 (2) encourage pupils in the study of Pacific Rim 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. PACIFIC RIM LANGUAGE STUDY GRANT FUND.

17 Sec. 14.30.700. PACIFIC RIM LANGUAGE STUDY GRANT FUND. (a) The
18 Pacific Rim language study grant fund is established. The department
19 may make grants from the fund to eligible districts in the public
20 school system for both written and spoken Pacific Rim language study
21 programs in grades K-12. Pacific Rim language study programs must be
22 in addition to and not in replacement of existing foreign language
23 programs.

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

28 (c) In this section, "Pacific Rim languages" means Russian,
29 Tagalog, Chinese, Japanese, or Korean languages.