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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 343 (Finance)  
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 fund con-  
19 sists of legislative appropriations and public or private donations  
20 made for the purpose of the fund. The department may make grants from  
21 the fund to eligible districts in the public school system for both  
22 written and spoken Pacific Rim language study programs in grades K-12.  
23 Pacific Rim language study programs must be in addition to and not in  
24 replacement of existing foreign language programs.  
25 (b) The department shall establish by regulation eligibility  
26 criteria for receiving grants under this section. The department may  
27 not award a grant to a district of the public school system under this  
28 section for more than three consecutive fiscal years.  
29 (c) In this section, "Pacific Rim languages" means Russian,

1 Tagalog, Chinese, Japanese, or Korean languages.