

HB

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to funding for school districts operating secondary school**
2 **boarding programs; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1. AS 14.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

5 **Article 2. School District Operating Boarding Programs.**

6 **Sec. 14.16.200. State funding for districts operating secondary school**
7 **boarding programs. (a) A district is eligible to receive reimbursement for the costs**
8 **incurred by the district in operating a secondary school boarding program. To be**
9 **eligible for reimbursement for costs, the district secondary school boarding program**
10 **must provide a suitable student dormitory and daily access to a school offering the**
11 **appropriate grade level.**

12 **(b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement are**

13 **(1) one round trip between the student's community of residence and**
14 **the school during the school year if the district expends money for the trip; and**

1 (2) a per-pupil stipend determined by the department on a regional
2 basis.

3 (c) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

4 * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 REVISOR INSTRUCTIONS. The revisor of statutes shall substitute the spanned
7 reference "AS 14.16.010 - 14.16.080" for a reference to "this chapter" in AS 14.16.010.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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Sponsor Statement

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BOARDING SCHOOL FUNDING

1/2700

Conversations with people throughout Alaska indicate we have a growing problem with unavailable classes and restricted educational opportunities in Alaska's isolated rural regions. Many people have indicated that regional secondary boarding schools are the ideal solution.

In addition to offering rural students a greater availability of expertise in specialized subject matter, boarding schools are also a viable option for non-traditional students who are failing or dropping out of traditional school settings from urban areas as well. We have all heard wonderful success stories of students who turned their lives around by attending a boarding school.

This bill would not replace any existing boarding programs. By allowing the Department of Education to pay a regional stipend to school districts which offer dormitory facilities, it would expand the opportunities for existing as well as new boarding schools in Alaska.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS HB 257 (HES)

Revision Date/Time _____	Dept. Affected: <u>Education & Early Development</u>
Title <u>An act relating to funding for school districts</u>	BRU <u>K-12 Support</u>
<u>operating secondary school boarding programs</u>	Component <u>Boarding Home Grants</u>
Sponsor <u>Representative James</u>	
Requester <u>House HESS</u>	Component No. <u>148</u>

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	601.7	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	601.7	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	601.7	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	601.7	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6	1,459.6

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This legislation will provide an allocation to a school district for a portion of the residential cost of a district operated boarding home program. The fiscal impact noted above is based on the assumption that the stipend rate developed for the secondary boarding home program as defined in 4 ACC 09.050 will be used by the department. The entitlement was calculated as follows: number of students times the monthly stipend rate times nine months.

These cost estimates are based on projected students/capacity for programs that are currently offering boarding programs and those who have expressed interest in providing boarding programs. Any new or expanded programs in the future would require additional resources.

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Residential Boarding Home Information
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Number of Students projected to be served in FY2001

District	# of Students	Stipend Rate	Stipend	Comments
Lower Kuskokwim:				
Bethel	30	\$443 / mo	\$ 119,610	Lease a facility
Nenana		425 / mo	-	Will be owned and operated
Galena	70	522 / mo	328,860	Leased from Air Force
Iditarod	15	443 / mo	59,805	Rent Houses in Takotna
Pribilof:				
St. Paul	8	443 / mo	31,896	House - District owned
Totals Stipends	123		\$540,171	
Roundtrip Airfare	\$500		\$61,500	
Total FY2001			\$601,671	

Number of Students projected to be served in FY2002

District	# of Students	Stipend Rate	Stipend	Comments
Lower Kuskokwim:				
Bethel	30	\$443 / mo	\$ 119,610	Lease a facility
Nenana	96	425 / mo	367,200	Will be owned and operated
Galena	150	522 / mo	704,700	Leased from Air Force
Iditarod	20	443 / mo	79,740	Rent Houses in Takotna
Pribilof:				
St. Paul	9	443 / mo	35,883	House - District owned
Totals Stipends	305		\$1,307,133	
Roundtrip Airfare	\$500		\$152,500	
Total FY2002			\$1,459,633	