

**SB**

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SB 104

was referred to the  
Senate Finance  
Committee

No hearing was held  
on this bill

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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 107  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would discontinue the state start-up grants for charter schools. The state grant program, implemented in FY2002, allocates \$500 per ADM for each new charter school. This funding was intended to supplement the federal start up grants for charter schools.

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development is working closely with U.S. Department of Education to increase the level of start-up grants provided by the federal government therefore eliminating the need for the state supplemental grant program beginning in FY 2005. The state will allocate to a new charter school \$150,000 a year for the first three years and \$45,000 in the fourth year for a total of \$495,000 in start up funds over the four year period.

This bill is effective July 1, 2004. The delayed implementation will allow the state to fulfill its commitment of start-up grants to the existing charter schools. Any new charter schools approved to operate in FY 2004 will be eligible for the federal grant funds.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/6/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/3/03  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4.08.03

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 104

### SB 104 REPEAL CHARTER SCHOOL GRANTS

"An Act repealing the charter school grant program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS SB 104 (HES)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- same title
- new title

**House Bill:**

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
EEO	3/05	X		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Luther H. Green</i> Green			✓	
<i>Linda Green</i> Green	✓			
<i>Tom Dyson</i> *Dyson	✓			
<i>Sam Wilken</i> Wilken	✓			
<i>Betty Davis</i> Davis			X	
<b>CHAIR</b>				