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## AN ACT

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.17.450 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, if the student count in a charter  
5 school is less than 150, the adjusted student count for the school shall be calculated by  
6 multiplying the student count by the student rate for a school that has a student count  
7 of 400.

8 (d) If a charter school has a student count of more than 120 but less than 150  
9 for the current year and is in the first year of operation or had a student count of 150 or  
10 more in the previous year of operation,

11 (1) the adjusted student count for the school shall be calculated by  
12 multiplying the student count by 95 percent of the student rate for a school that has a  
13 student count of 150; and

14 (2) not later than February 15, the charter school shall submit for  
15 approval of the governing board of the district a plan for the following school year that

1 includes a statement about whether the school will continue to operate if the student  
2 count remains the same that year and, if so, a projection of the funding anticipated  
3 from the state and other sources, a proposed budget, and a description of anticipated  
4 changes to the school staff, program, and curriculum; if the school intends to close if  
5 the student count remains the same the following year, the plan must describe transfer  
6 plans for students, staff, facilities, and materials.

7 (e) If an alternative school has a student count of more than 120 but less than  
8 175 for the current year and is in the first year of operation or had a student count of  
9 175 or more in the previous year of operation, the adjusted student count for the  
10 school shall be calculated by multiplying the student count by 95 percent of the  
11 student rate for a school that has a student count of 175.

12 (f) In (c) - (e) of this section, "student rate" is calculated by adding the base  
13 and the multiplier provided under (a) of this section and dividing the sum by the  
14 student count.

15 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.905 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school.** (a) For purposes of this  
17 chapter, the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the  
18 following:

19 (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100,  
20 shall be counted as one school;

21 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425,  
22 shall be counted as

23 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in  
24 grades kindergarten through six; and

25 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades  
26 seven through 12;

27 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that  
28 is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each  
29 alternative school with an ADM of less than 175 [200] shall be counted as a part of the  
30 school in the district with the highest ADM.

31 (b) Notwithstanding (a)(3) of this section **and for purposes other than**

1        **calculations under AS 14.17.450**, a charter school shall be counted as a separate  
2        school if the charter school has an ADM of at least 150 students.