

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 179(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/8/13

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAGEAK, Kreiss-Tomkins, Guttenberg, Gara, Drummond

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for public school funding for Internet services; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.127. Funding for Internet services.** (a) A district in which one or
6 more schools qualify for a discounted rate for Internet services under the federal
7 universal services program is eligible to receive a base amount that is equal to the
8 applicant's share for each school of the Internet services for fiscal year 2014.

9 (b) Each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2015, in addition to the base
10 amount paid under (a) of this section, a district is eligible to receive an adjustment to
11 the base amount for each school that is equal to the greater of

12 (1) 10 percent of the amount paid under this section in the immediately
13 preceding fiscal year for Internet services; or

14 (2) the amount needed to bring the base amount up to the applicant's

1 share for 10 megabits a second of the Internet services.

2 (c) If insufficient funding is appropriated to provide funding authorized under
3 (a) and (b) of this section, the state share shall be distributed pro rata to eligible school
4 districts.

5 (d) In this section,

6 (1) "applicant's share" means the difference between the cost of
7 Internet services that are eligible for the discount under the federal universal services
8 program and the discount received for those services under the federal universal
9 services program;

10 (2) "federal universal services program" means the program
11 established in 47 U.S.C. 254 and regulations implementing that section.

12 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.