

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 393(EDC)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/1/10

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to charter school approval and funding."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.03.250(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A charter school may be established as provided under AS 14.03.250 -  
5 14.03.290 upon the approval of the local school board and the state Board of  
6 Education and Early Development of an application for a charter school. [THE  
7 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT MAY NOT  
8 APPROVE MORE THAN 60 CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OPERATE IN THE  
9 STATE AT ANY ONE TIME.]

10 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.11 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 **Article 2. Charter School Facilities.**

12 **Sec. 14.11.121. Supplemental charter school facilities construction, lease,**  
13 **and major maintenance grant program.** (a) The department shall establish a charter  
14 school facilities construction, lease, and major maintenance grant program that  
15 supplements grant aid otherwise available under this chapter and that is based on a per

1 pupil funding formula.

2 (b) The department shall apply for available federal funding and award federal  
3 funding made available under the grant program established under (a) of this section  
4 for not more than five years for charter school facilities construction, lease, or major  
5 maintenance projects for which an assumption of responsibilities has been made under  
6 AS 14.11.020, as follows:

7 (1) 90 percent of the allowable costs for the first fiscal year for the  
8 project;

9 (2) 80 percent of the allowable costs for the second fiscal year for the  
10 project;

11 (3) 60 percent of the allowable costs for the third fiscal year for the  
12 project;

13 (4) 40 percent of the allowable costs for the fourth fiscal year for the  
14 project; and

15 (5) 20 percent of the allowable costs for the fifth fiscal year for the  
16 project.

17 (c) The grant program established in this section is subject to legislative  
18 appropriation and available funding and must be consistent with applicable federal,  
19 state, and local requirements.

20 (d) A school district or regional educational attendance area that submits an  
21 application for a proposed project for funding under this section that is approved for  
22 funding by the department and for which an assumption under AS 14.11.020 has been  
23 made shall provide a participating share that is equal to the difference between  
24 available federal funding and the state aid provided under AS 14.11.126. Allowable  
25 costs for a project under this section shall be determined by the governing body of the  
26 school district and be based on the adjusted student count for a charter school  
27 calculated under AS 14.17.450(a) and (c).

28 **Sec. 14.11.126. State aid for costs of charter school construction, lease, and**  
29 **major maintenance.** During each fiscal year, the state shall allocate to a school  
30 district and regional educational attendance area that submits an application and is  
31 approved for a charter school facilities construction, lease, or major maintenance grant

1           under AS 14.11.121 an amount that is not less than one dollar for each pupil enrolled  
2           in the charter school.

3       \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.11.121 and 14.11.126, added by sec. 2 of this Act, are repealed July 1,  
4       2015.