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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 178

Short Title: SCHOOL DIST. COST FACTORS: REMOTE SCHOOLS

Summary:

- Amends the District Cost Factor statutes to provide additional funding for urban school districts that include rural schools not connected to the road system.
- Increases funding amount based on the percentage of students attending the remote schools.

Benefits:

- Provides the additional funds needed for remote schools to provide a quality education.
- Relieves financial pressure on larger school districts that include schools which are not connected to the road system.

Background:

- Alaska's school funding formula classifies school districts as urban or rural and allocates funding based, in part, on that designation. That system creates hardships for urban school districts with schools not connected to the road system because those schools are inherently more expensive to operate. SB 178 amends the District Cost Factor statutes to even the playing field a little bit so those schools receive additional funding.