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# Legislative Bulletin

A WEEKLY DIGEST OF ACTIVITY BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND U.S. CONGRESS FOR ALASKA'S SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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## Teacher Turnover Costs Alaska about \$20 million Per Year

Teacher turnover costs Alaska an average of \$20 million a year or nearly \$20,500 each time a school district loses a teacher and hires a replacement, according to a recent study from the University of Alaska Anchorage. The annual churn of teachers hits rural Alaska particularly hard, the study found. See full story [here](#).

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## Senate Cuts Scholarships and Financial Aid to Create 'Innovation' Grants

The Senate has voted to reduce the Alaska Performance Scholarship and eliminate a needs-based financial aid program, creating in their place ['innovation' grants](#) for public schools. SB 103 now moves to the House.

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## Alaska's Future: A Tale of Two Legislative Visions

Alaska cannot close its budget deficit on the backs of schools and the University of Alaska and simply ask our districts to do more with less, argues Rep. Paul Seaton, co-chair of the House Finance Committee. In an [opinion piece](#) for AASB, the Homer Republican lays out his hopes for a sustainable financial plan for the state.

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## Our Mission

The mission of AASB is to advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.

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