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## HB 57 effective July 1

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This message is being sent to you from the education law team at Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi.

As a school district leader you are doubtless already aware that the Legislature voted to override Governor Dunleavy's veto of HB 57. Changes to several statutes go into effect July 1.

Along with increasing the BSA, HB 57 will also make other funding changes including new per pupil rates for transportation funding, an increase in the secondary school vocational and technical instruction factor, and a new reading proficiency incentive grant program. AS 14.09.010(a); AS 14.17.420(a); AS 14.30.773.

HB 57 will require each district to adopt policy setting target average class sizes by grade and to include grades K-12 in annual class size reporting to DEED. AS 14.03.065, 14.03.120(g).

HB 57 will require each school district to have a cell phone policy. AS 14.33.300.

HB 57 will also require each district's charter school application procedures to allow an application to be submitted at any time during a school year for the following school year and will require local school boards to announce the deadline for submitting an application for establishment of a charter school for the following school year. AS 14.03.250(a). Once HB 57 goes into effect, charter school contracts will need to state that the local school board may only terminate a contract under the standards and procedures established in a new statute, AS 14.03.256. Even school districts that do not currently have any charter schools need to review their charter school application procedures to ensure compliance with the new law.

If you have legal questions about what will be required when HB 57 becomes effective, please contact us.

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