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**Fact Sheet for : Senate Bill 193**  
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**Short Title: State Government Missions: General & Education**

**Summary:**

- Revises the mission and desired results that the legislature expects the Department of Education and Early Development to accomplish.
- Directs the agency to establish certain minimum requirements for developing targets and measures necessary to achieve the legislatively mandated and desired results.
- Mandates that the legislature consider an agency's mission and the agency's success at achieving its desired results when evaluating an agency's budget proposal.
- Limits the agency's activities to those that are consistent with the agency's mission.
- Clarifies the requirement of semi-annual reports to the legislature.
- Adds a new chapter that states the legislative purpose, designates the agencies to which the chapter applies, and grants immunity to the state, its agents, and employees from suit based on accomplishing or failing to accomplish the stated mission or desired results.

**Benefits:**

- Restates the mission of the Department of Education and Early Development with identifiable and specific targets that the legislature desires the agency to reach.
- Provides clarity to the department with regard to the mission the legislature expects the department to accomplish, and the results the legislature expects the department to achieve.
- Provides a framework against which the agency can provide strategic and tactical plans for optimization of its function.
- Provides the legislature with a means to objectively evaluate the performance of the agency when considering the agency's budget and personnel requests.
- Provides the people of Alaska a mechanism for determining whether its governmental agencies are providing the results for which they were established.

**Background:**

- As part of the Executive Budget Act, AS 37.07.014(a) requires the legislature to issue a mission statement for each agency and the desired results the legislature expects the agency to achieve. The intent of the Executive Budget Act is to promote the "efficient, measured use of the state's resources." Under AS 37.07.014(b) the legislature is required to adopt a method of measuring results for each agency, and each agency is required to report these measurement results semi-annually to the legislature. In this way the Executive Budget Act promotes results-based government. This bill modifies, updates and strengthens the legislature's responsibilities relative to the performance-based government as set forth in the Executive Budget Act and provides a specific agency mission with desired results.