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BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act imposing limits on state funding for transportation of school students; requiring that a minimum amount expended by school districts for instruction does not include expenditures for school administration, assistant principals, or other assistants employed to generally supervise administrative operations of a school, and defining 'school administration'; providing that, for purposes of public school funding, a community with an average daily membership of at least 101 but not more than 450 shall be counted as one elementary and one secondary school and, in a community with an average daily membership of greater than 450, each facility that is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except for certain alternative schools; and providing for an effective date."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
* Section 1.  AS 14.09.010(b) is amended to read:

  (b) **Except as otherwise provided in (d) of this section, a** [A] school district that enters into a contract described under (a)(1) of this section shall be reimbursed for

  (1) at least 90 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation system if the transportation is provided by the school district; and

  (2) 100 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation system when the transportation is provided under a contract with the school district.

* Sec. 2.  AS 14.09.010(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

  (d) Transportation costs eligible for reimbursement under this section are subject to the following adjustments:

  (1) transportation costs may not exceed the amount received by the school district for student transportation reimbursement in state fiscal year 2001;

  (2) costs resulting from new school facilities, an increase in enrollment, or costs incurred to meet a requirement imposed by state or federal law are exempt from the limit imposed under (d) of this subsection;

  (3) the sum calculated under (1) of this subsection shall be increased for each state fiscal year following state fiscal year 2001 by the lesser of the following:

    (A) four percent; or

    (B) any increases in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor; the index for January of 2001 is the reference base index; and

  (4) only 50 percent of those costs reimbursable under this section that are in excess of the sum calculated under (1) - (3) of this subsection shall be reimbursed to a school district.

* Sec. 3.  AS 14.17.520(f) is amended to read:
(f) In this section,

(1) "instructional component" means expenditures for teachers and pupil support services, but does not include expenditures for school administration or for assistant principals or other assistants employed to generally supervise administrative operations of a school;

(2) "school administration" means expenditures related to managing a school, including expenditures for supplies, materials, and travel.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.17.905 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school. For purposes of this chapter, the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the following:

(1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100, shall be counted as one school;

(2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 450 [750], shall be counted as

(A) one elementary school, which includes those students in grades kindergarten through six [6]; and

(B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades seven [7] through 12;

(3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 450 [750], each facility that is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each alternative school with an ADM of less than 200 shall be counted as a part of the school in the district with the highest ADM.

* Sec. 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act take effect July 1, 2000.

* Sec. 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect July 1, 2001.