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Sectional Analysis HB 27 – 28-LS0171\A

Sec. 1, Sec. 2, Sec. 3 – Necessary conforming language pertaining to previous school construction funding caused by repealing AS 14.17.500 – Student Count Estimate in Sec. 10. Statute placed limits on the funding based upon the student count estimate. These are all old funding actions.

Sec. 4 – Adds a provision to the bill prohibiting a municipal assembly from taking funds away from a school district after having allocated the funding to the district subject to the amount allowed to be held in a reserve fund by AS 14.17.505(a).

Sec. 5 – Necessary conforming language due to the repeal of AS 14.17.500 – Student Count Estimate in Sec. 10. Statute required boarding schools to provide the state a student count estimate for funding purposes, which is no longer needed.

Sec. 6 –Amends AS 14.17.410(b) adding a part (H) to provide a hold harmless provision providing supplemental funding to a district that has a one year increase of at least 200 students or three percent in enrollment based upon the average daily membership count adjusted for the school size factor, from one school year to the next.

Also added is a provision for a district to appeal for funding if an increase that does not meet the previous criteria causes a financial hardship. The Department of Education & Early Development would have to review any type of request and if they agree, submit the request to the legislature for funding.

Sec. 7 – Amends AS 14.17.505(a) to increase the amount of funds a district may retain in its unrestricted reserve account from 10 percent to 15 percent.

Sec. 8 –Amends AS 14.17.600(a) to apply the student count to funding for the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 9 – Amends AS 14.17.600 to add a new subsection to replace provisions of AS 14.17.500 that are appealed in Sec. 10 but remain necessary to properly apply the student count to school funding, moving the provisions from AS 14.17.500 to AS 14.17.600.

Sec. 10 – Repeals AS 14.17.500 – Student Count Estimates because they are no longer necessary under the new application of the student count data to the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 11 – Makes the bill effective with funding for FY 2016.

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