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Sponsor Statement HB 212 - "An Act relating to funding for school construction and major maintenance; and relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund." (2.16.18)

House Bill 212 expands the Regional education attendance area and small municipal school district fund to include major maintenance in addition to new school construction.

The Regional education attendance (REAA) fund was established during the 2010 legislative session. This fund was created to provide equity in school construction funding for rural Alaska pursuant to the Kasayulie decision. This new fund created a funding stream to pay for prioritized REAA projects on the department's annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) school construction list. In 2013 small municipal school districts were included in the REAA fund, as qualified under AS 14.11.025.

HB 212 would allow for REAAs and small municipal school districts to fund major maintenance as well as school construction under AS 14.11.030, the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund.