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HB 317

Forward Funding of Education and
Increasing Funding for Vocational Education

Sponsor Statement

HB 317 forward funds education by setting in statute a \$125 increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA) for the next three years. The bill also increases block funding to School Districts by 1.5% and extends Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments to the formula for funding pupil transportation.

In 2008 the legislature instituted recommendations of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force which included a 3 year increase in the BSA of \$100 each year. HB 317 extends this concept for an additional 3 years by setting in statute an increase in the BSA of \$125 each year. It also extends the Anchorage CPI adjustment to pupil transportation established in 2008 by the Education Funding Task Force and amends it from "changes" to "increases" to guard against any potential decrease in the CPI. The total increase in state funding to school districts for FY2012 is approximately \$60 million which is consistent with the past three years of increases in education funding.

Letting School Districts know the amount of their budget in advance allows them to plan their budgets and avoids the destructive teacher layoff/re-hire cycle that has happened in the past.

The intent of the increase to special education, gifted and talented, vocational education and bilingual education services block funding is to allow school districts to direct more funds to career technical or vocational education. Alaska needs to prepare and engage our students who are interested in skilled labor for the developing needs of our state.

HB 317 confirms to Alaskans, educators and parents the legislature's commitment to fund education by forward funding education for the next three years. It also recognizes the responsibility of the State and school districts to develop vocational education resources in Alaska's schools.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 317

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/27/10

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act increasing the special needs funding and base student allocation for public**
2 **schools, and extending the adjustment for student transportation funding; and**
3 **providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.09.010(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) Beginning July 1, 2009, funding provided to a school district under (a) of
7 this section shall be adjusted annually on October 1 according to increases
8 [CHANGES] in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage
9 metropolitan area compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
10 Labor Statistics. The index for 1982 to 1984 is the reference base index for an
11 adjustment made under this subsection.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.420(a), as amended by sec. 6, ch. 9, SLA 2008, is amended to read:

13 (a) As a component of public school funding, a district is eligible for special
14 needs funding and may be eligible for intensive services funding as follows:

1 (1) special needs funding is available to a district to assist the district
2 in providing special education, gifted and talented education, vocational education,
3 and bilingual education services to its students; a special needs funding factor of 1.215
4 [1.20] shall be applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1);

5 (2) in addition to the special needs funding for which a district is
6 eligible under (1) of this subsection, a district is eligible for intensive services funding
7 for each special education student who needs and receives intensive services and is
8 enrolled on the last day of the count period; for each such student, intensive services
9 funding is equal to the intensive student count multiplied by 13.

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.17.470, as amended by sec. 10, ch. 9, SLA 2008, is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is \$5,805
12 [\$5,680].

13 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.17.470, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is \$5,930
15 [\$5,805].

16 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.17.470, as amended by secs. 2 and 3 of this Act, is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is \$6,055
18 [\$5,930].

19 * **Sec. 6.** Section 11, ch. 9, SLA 2008, is amended to read:

20 Sec. 11. AS 14.09.010(c), added by sec. 2, ch. 9, SLA 2008 [OF THIS ACT],
21 is repealed June 30, 2014 [2011].

22 * **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 2011.

23 * **Sec. 8.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2012.

24 * **Sec. 9.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2013.

At the request of Rep. Seaton for discussion purposes only.

| School Districts | FY2012 - 1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER | 1.5% Career & Tech add-on | \$125 Increase to BSA | Total Increase |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| ALASKA GATEWAY | 157,381 | 94,155 | 150,186 | 401,722 |
| ALEUTIAN REGION | 21,075 | 21,531 | 33,627 | 76,233 |
| ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH | 237,579 | 98,371 | 147,715 | 483,665 |
| ANCHORAGE | 0 | 5,444,123 | 9,353,350 | 14,797,473 |
| ANNETTE ISLAND | 112,325 | 54,396 | 85,620 | 252,341 |
| BERING STRAIT | 1,089,473 | 532,177 | 816,229 | 2,437,879 |
| BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH | 50,295 | 38,960 | 61,104 | 150,359 |
| CHATHAM | 114,148 | 44,429 | 71,465 | 230,042 |
| CHUGACH | 25,063 | 12,259 | 29,877 | 67,199 |
| COPPER RIVER | 98,883 | 103,383 | 167,529 | 369,795 |
| CORDOVA CITY | 62,314 | 64,024 | 103,177 | 229,515 |
| CRAIG CITY | 81,681 | 54,739 | 127,619 | 264,039 |
| DELTA/GREELY | 127,989 | 135,452 | 234,145 | 497,586 |
| DENALI BOROUGH | 8,544 | 55,081 | 105,082 | 168,707 |
| DILLINGHAM CITY | 54,511 | 87,034 | 137,580 | 279,125 |
| FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH | 428,567 | 1,784,215 | 3,264,854 | 5,477,636 |
| GALENA CITY | 14,410 | 54,339 | 420,729 | 489,478 |
| HAINES BOROUGH | 73,307 | 52,289 | 91,985 | 217,581 |
| HOONAH CITY | 63,397 | 26,998 | 44,942 | 135,337 |
| HYDABURG CITY | 44,941 | 16,176 | 25,664 | 86,781 |
| IDITAROD AREA | 129,242 | 71,882 | 116,785 | 317,909 |
| JUNEAU BOROUGH | 682,153 | 646,723 | 1,151,651 | 2,480,527 |
| KAKE CITY | 61,232 | 20,392 | 35,157 | 116,781 |
| KASHUNAMIUT | 93,300 | 72,681 | 114,440 | 280,421 |
| KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH | 1,475,778 | 1,221,280 | 2,052,639 | 4,749,697 |
| KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH | 395,018 | 315,901 | 511,475 | 1,222,394 |
| KLAWOCK CITY | 54,567 | 27,796 | 46,125 | 128,488 |
| KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH | 550,574 | 400,998 | 646,752 | 1,598,324 |
| KUSPUK | 182,841 | 112,781 | 170,719 | 466,341 |
| LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH | 282,522 | 147,071 | 223,300 | 652,893 |
| LOWER KUSKOKWIM | 888,634 | 995,604 | 1,569,471 | 3,453,709 |
| LOWER YUKON | 1,120,517 | 548,468 | 838,836 | 2,507,821 |
| MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH | 930,101 | 1,915,393 | 3,445,198 | 6,290,692 |
| NENANA CITY | 20,163 | 43,175 | 145,393 | 208,731 |
| NOME CITY | 112,098 | 134,426 | 210,430 | 456,954 |
| NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH | 552,967 | 399,061 | 607,198 | 1,559,226 |
| NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH | 655,097 | 491,622 | 769,026 | 1,915,745 |
| PELICAN CITY | 6,493 | 3,561 | 5,267 | 15,321 |
| PETERSBURG CITY | 160,286 | 90,794 | 154,364 | 405,444 |
| PRIBILOF | 42,607 | 29,620 | 44,013 | 116,240 |
| SAINT MARY'S | 67,498 | 45,227 | 72,040 | 184,765 |
| SITKA BOROUGH | 277,453 | 189,277 | 336,574 | 803,304 |
| SKAGWAY CITY | 4,727 | 16,916 | 28,379 | 50,022 |
| SOUTHEAST ISLAND | 91,021 | 62,656 | 98,402 | 252,079 |
| SOUTHWEST REGION | 248,630 | 184,778 | 288,998 | 722,406 |
| TANANA | 23,639 | 15,208 | 24,221 | 63,068 |
| UNALASKA CITY | 93,073 | 81,453 | 122,610 | 297,136 |
| VALDEZ CITY | 62,771 | 102,643 | 167,020 | 332,434 |
| WRANGELL PUBLIC | 65,504 | 53,997 | 96,535 | 216,036 |
| YAKUTAT | 62,143 | 25,632 | 38,024 | 125,799 |
| YUKON FLATS | 214,170 | 112,155 | 174,696 | 501,021 |
| YUKON/KOYUKUK | 175,095 | 105,489 | 276,543 | 557,127 |
| YUPIIT | 170,994 | 130,551 | 198,760 | 500,305 |
| Mt. Edgecumbe | 82,192 | 59,182 | 87,919 | 229,293 |
| TOTAL | 12,900,983 | 17,648,524 | 30,341,439 | 60,890,946 |

Katie Koester

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: HB 317

Chair Seaton and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my personal support of HB 317. This bill will increase the block grant funding for vocational education, gifted and talented, special education, and bilingual services by 1.5 percentage points. The current block grant is insufficient to cover all of our current costs, so this small increase is definitely needed.

HB 317 will also provide advance, programmed increases to the Base Student Allocation. For the last three years, we have been able to count on known increases when planning our budget. This has been a huge success from my point of view.

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