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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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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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