



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
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## **SB 158 – School Grants and Bond Debt Reimbursement**

### ***Summary of Changes: Version B to Version S***

#### **Section 1 – AS 14.11.014(d)**

This section is amended with clarifying language explicitly stating that the two projects from the major maintenance list will be the top two projects that the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) ranks on the list for each district, and not just two projects that are ranked. Clarifying language is also added to indicate that districts may apply for reimbursement for one project on DEED's school construction list and the top two projects on DEED's major maintenance list for each district.

New language is also added which would expand the list of funded eligible projects further down the list if a project in the top 20 is funded by a grant. As an example, if four projects in the top 20 projects on the list are funded by grants then projects 1-24 on the list excluding the grant funded projects would be eligible.

#### **Section 3 – AS 14.11.100(h)**

This section corrects errors in AS 14.11.100(h), which limited certain types of construction. This subsection should have been amended in conjunction with adding prior reimbursement program approvals in subsection (a). This change was made at the recommendation of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

#### **Section 4 – AS 14.11.100(i)**

This section is added to make conforming changes in alignment with section three recognizing the additional sections included in AS 14.11.100(h).

#### **Section 5 – AS 14.11.100(s)**

This section is amended to add clarifying language that the DEED commissioner may not approve an application for bond debt reimbursement made by a municipality for more than one school construction project listed on the department's ranking of school construction project priorities under the department review of grant applications, and for more than two major maintenance projects listed on the department's ranking of major maintenance project priorities under the department review of grant applications; except that the commissioner may approve an application for bond debt reimbursement made by a municipality for all the major maintenance projects of the municipality that are ranked within the top 20 projects on the department's list of major maintenance project priorities excluding projects funded by grants.

#### **Section 6 – AS 14.11.102(c)**

This section is amended to add clarifying language that the DEED commissioner may not allocate funds to a municipality for a school bond debt reimbursement project made by a municipality for more than one school construction project listed on the department's ranking of school construction project priorities under the department review of grant applications, and for more than two major maintenance projects listed on the department's ranking of major maintenance project priorities under the department review of grant applications; except that the commissioner may approve an application for bond debt reimbursement

made by a municipality for all the major maintenance projects of the municipality that are ranked within the top 20 projects on the department's list of major maintenance project priorities excluding projects funded by grants.

**Section 7 – AS 14.11.100(a)(19)**

This section repeals 14.11.100(a)(19) which outlines a classification of projects that would no longer be available for reimbursement should this bill pass. This change was made at the recommendation of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

Bill sections eight to ten have been reordered and renumbered accordingly.