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AN ACT

Relating to state aid for schools; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 14.08.121(a) is amended to read:

(a) The legislature shall fund the operational costs of the regional educational attendance area schools in the following manner:

(1) the amount of basic need as defined in AS 14.17.021(b), reduced by deducting, to the maximum extent permitted under sec. 5(d)(2) of P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 240(d)) and the regulations adopted under it (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), the amount of the regional educational attendance area's entitlement to federal financial assistance under P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 236 - 244) for the prior fiscal year; and

(2) an additional amount equal to the average local tax contributions per pupil in average daily membership (ADM) for school operating costs in the city and borough school districts in the prior fiscal year.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.17.021(a) is amended to read:

(a) The amount of state aid for which each school district may qualify is calculated by multiplying the basic need as defined in (b) of this section by the equalized percentage as defined in (c) of this section. To the maximum extent permitted under sec. 5(d)(2) of P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 240(d)) and the regulations adopted under it (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), the amount of state aid shall be reduced by the amount of the school district's entitlement to federal financial assistance under P.L. 81-

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874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 236 - 244), for the prior fiscal year.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.17.021(c)(2) and (5) are amended to read:

(2) K (minimum level of state support of basic need) = 97 per cent;

(5) state aid as computed under this section constitutes at least 97 per cent of the basic need, as defined by the department, of each school district.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.17.031(a) and (b) are amended to read:

(a) The total number of instructional units within each school district is the sum of

(1) the number of units for elementary schools and the number of units for secondary schools as determined from sec. 41(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this chapter;

(2) the number of units for vocational education determined from sec. 41(e) of this chapter as approved by the department;

(3) the number of units from special education determined from sec. 41(f) of this chapter as approved by the department; and

(4) if the district has five or more correspondence pupils enrolled in an approved district correspondence study program, the number of units for correspondence pupils determined by applying the number of correspondence pupils to sec. 41(a) of this chapter.

(b) A school district shall compute separately the number of allowable instructional units for each of its secondary schools except as provided in (c) of this section.

* Sec. 5. AS 14.17.031(c) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

(c) The commissioner shall authorize any school in a remote location to establish an associated secondary school when the sum of the average daily membership in grades five through eight is greater than 20. Notwithstanding sec. 41 of this chapter, any school or school district operating a remote elementary school with 20 or fewer total average daily membership in grades five through eight may conduct a secondary program subject to approval of the commissioner and use the following table to calculate the number of allowable instructional units for the combined elementary and secondary program of the remote school:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
under 12	3
12 - 20	4
21 - 32	5

* Sec. 6. AS 14.17.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) If the instructional units which a school district is entitled to under (a) of this section decrease by 10 per cent or more from one year to the next, the school district may use the last year before the reduction as a base year and offset its reduction according to the following schedule: (1) for the first year after the base year, the school district is entitled to the instructional units determined under (a) of this section plus 75 per cent of the difference in instructional units between the base year and the first year; (2) for the second year after the base year, the school district is entitled to the instructional units determined under (a) of this section plus 50 per cent of the difference in instructional units between the base year and the second year; (3) for the third year after the base year, the school district is entitled to the instructional units determined under (a) of this section plus 25 per cent of the difference in instructional units between the base year and the second year. The schedule established in this subsection is available to a school district for the three years following the base year only so long as the entitlement to instructional units under (a) of this section for each year is less than the entitlement in the base year.

* Sec. 7. AS 14.17.041 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.17.041. TABLE OF ALLOWABLE INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS. (a) Elementary schools in districts with ADM under 1,000:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
under 20	2
20 - 32	3
33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5
63 - 80	6
81 - 999	6 plus 1 for each 18 pupils or fraction of 18

(b) Elementary schools in districts with ADM of 1,000 or over:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
under 20	2
20 - 32	3
33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5
63 - 80	6
81 - 99	7
100 - 3005	7 plus 1 for each 19 pupils or fraction of 19
3006 and over	160 plus 1 for each 21 pupils or fraction of 21

(c) Secondary schools in districts with ADM under 1,000:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
under 33	3

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33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5
63 - 80	6
81 - 999	6 plus 1 for each 18 pupils or fraction of 18

(d) Secondary schools in districts with ADM of 1,000 or over:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
under 33	3
33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5
63 - 80	6
81 - 99	7
100 - 3005	7 plus 1 for each 19 pupils or fraction of 19
3006 and over	160 plus 1 for each 21 pupils or fraction of 21

(e) Vocational education schedule:

ADM Full-Time Equivalent	No. Instructional Units
5 - 10	1
11 - 25	2
26 - 40	3
41 and over	3 plus 1 for each 20 pupils or fraction of 20 pupils in Full-Time Equivalent ADM

(f) Special education schedule:

ADM Full-Time Equivalent	No. Instructional Units
5 - 8	1
9 - 15	2
16 - 24	3
25 - 35	4
36 and over	4 plus 1 for each 11 pupils or fraction of 11 pupils in Full-Time Equivalent ADM

* Sec. 8. AS 14.17.051 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.17.051. INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT ALLOTMENT. The instructional unit allotment for each school district or regional educational attendance area is as follows:

(1) for Gateway Borough School District, City and Borough of Juneau School District, and Anchorage School District, the district is entitled to receive the base instructional unit allotment;

(2) for Annette Island School District, Southeast School District, Petersburg City School District, Wrangell City School District, Sitka Borough School Dis-

trict, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 104 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(3) for Craig City School District, Hydaburg City School District, Klawock City School District, Kake City School District, Chatham School District, Skagway City School District, and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 108 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(4) for Pelican City School District, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Hoonah City School District, and North Star Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 112 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(5) for Copper River School District, Cordova City School District, Valdez City School District, and Haines Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 115 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(6) for Nenana City School District, Delta School District, Alaska Gateway School District, Upper Railbelt Regional School District, Yakutat City School District, and Chugach School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 120 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(7) for Adak Regional School District the area is entitled to receive 140 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(8) for Pribilof Islands School District, Aleutian Chain School District, King Cove City School District, and Unalaska City School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 150 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(9) for Yukon Flats School District, Dillingham City School District, Bristol Bay Borough School District, Southwest Regional School District, Lake Peninsula School District, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Galena City School District, Kuspuk School District, Yukon-Koyukuk School District, Northwest Arctic School District, Selawik City School District, Nome City School District, Bering Straits School District, Iditarod Area School District, North Slope Borough School District, Lower Yukon School District, and St. Mary's City School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 155 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment.

* Sec. 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 14.17.051, as re-enacted by sec. 8 of this Act, the value of the instructional unit allotment for any school district or regional educational attendance area is not less than it would have been for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 if sec. 8 of this Act had not been enacted.

* Sec. 10. AS 14.17.056 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.17.056. BASE INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT. (a) The base instructional unit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978 is \$27,500.

(b) The base instructional unit for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1978 is \$29,000.

* Sec. 11. AS 14.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.17.205. STATE AID TO DISTRICTS OPERATING APPROVED SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS. A school district that qualifies for and provides free and reduced-price lunches to students who qualify under the Federal Nutrition Act shall receive state aid in an amount for each free or reduced-price meal equal to the federal allowances multiplied by the school district's area differential in sec. 51 of this chapter.

* Sec. 12. AS 14.17.225 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of sec. 205 of this chapter may be appropriated annually to the Department of Education. If amounts appropriated are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under sec. 205 of this chapter, such funds as are available shall be distributed pro rata among eligible districts.

* Sec. 13. Sections 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9 of this Act take effect July 1, 1977. Sections 3 - 5, 7, and 10 - 12 of this Act take effect July 1, 1978.