

**HOUSE BILL NO. 148**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the public school funding program; relating to the definition  
2 of a school district, to the transportation of students, to school district layoff  
3 plans, to the special education service agency, to the child care grant program,  
4 and to compulsory attendance in public schools; and providing for an effective  
5 date."

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

7 \* **Section 1.** PURPOSE OF SECTION 2. The purpose of sec. 2 of this Act is to provide  
8 a level of funding through the public school funding program that allows for an equitable level  
9 of educational opportunities and outcomes for those students attending the public schools of  
10 the state, to promote local decision-making, and, through increased control of funding, to  
11 provide more local responsibility and accountability for decisions affecting public schools.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 **Article 1. State Funding to Public Schools.**

1           **Sec. 14.17.300. Public school account.** (a) The public school account is  
 2 established. The account consists of appropriations for distribution to school districts,  
 3 the state boarding school, and for the centralized correspondence study program under  
 4 this chapter.

5           (b) The money in the account may be used only in aid of public schools,  
 6 including community school programs, and for centralized correspondence study  
 7 programs under this chapter.

8           **Sec. 14.17.400. State funding for districts.** (a) The state funding for which  
 9 a school district is eligible in a fiscal year is equal to the amount for which a district  
 10 qualifies under AS 14.17.410 (equalization funding).

11           (b) If the amount in the public school account (AS 14.17.300) is insufficient  
 12 to meet the amounts authorized under (a) of this section for a fiscal year, the  
 13 department shall reduce pro rata the state share of equalization funding for which  
 14 districts are eligible by the necessary percentage as determined by the department. If  
 15 the state share of equalization funding is reduced under this subsection, the department  
 16 shall also reduce state funding for centralized correspondence study and the state  
 17 boarding school by the same percentage.

18           **Sec. 14.17.410. Equalization funding.** (a) A district is eligible for  
 19 equalization funding in an amount equal to the sum calculated under this section.

20           (b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, equalization funding consists of  
 21 a state share and a local contribution, determined as follows:

22           (1) the state share equals need minus local contribution; need equals  
 23 the district adjusted ADM, multiplied by the base student allocation set out at  
 24 AS 14.17.475, plus any intensive services funding for which the district qualifies under  
 25 AS 14.17.420(a)(2); district adjusted ADM is calculated as follows:

26           (A) the ADM of a funding community is multiplied by the  
 27 funding community size factor set out in AS 14.17.460;

28           (B) the product obtained under (A) of this paragraph is  
 29 multiplied by the funding community area cost factor described in  
 30 AS 14.17.470(a) and set out in regulations adopted by the department;

31           (C) if a funding community is the only funding community in

1 a district with an ADM of 900 or less, the product obtained under (B) of this  
2 paragraph is multiplied by the appropriate factor set out in AS 14.17.460(b);

3 (D) the ADMs of each funding community in a district, as  
4 adjusted according to (A) - (C) of this paragraph, are added; the sum is then  
5 multiplied by the special needs factor set out in AS 14.17.420(a)(1);

6 (E) the product obtained under (D) of this paragraph is  
7 multiplied by a district's student transportation factor described in  
8 AS 14.17.470(b) and set out in regulations by the department; the resulting  
9 product is the district's adjusted ADM;

10 (2) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, the local contribution is  
11 the equivalent of a three mill tax levy on the full and true value of the taxable real and  
12 personal property in the district as of January 1 of the second preceding fiscal year,  
13 as determined by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs under  
14 AS 14.17.510 and AS 29.45.110, not to exceed 35 percent of a district's need as  
15 determined under (1) of this subsection for the preceding fiscal year; for the fiscal year  
16 beginning July 1, 1998, and subsequent fiscal years, the required mill equivalent shall  
17 be increased by one-fourth of a mill each year until the local contribution is the  
18 equivalent of a four mill tax levy, but, in each year, a district's local contribution may  
19 not exceed 35 percent of the district's need for the preceding fiscal year, as determined  
20 under (1) of this subsection.

21 (c) Equalization funding may not be provided to a city or borough school  
22 district if the local contributions required under (b) of this section have not been made.

23 (d) In a regional educational attendance area, funding consists of need,  
24 calculated under (b)(1) of this section for that regional educational attendance area.

25 **Sec. 14.17.420. Special needs and intensive services funding.** (a) As a  
26 component of equalization funding, a district is eligible for special needs funding and  
27 may be eligible for intensive services funding as follows:

28 (1) special needs funding is available to a district to assist the district  
29 in providing special education, gifted and talented education, vocational education, and  
30 bilingual education to its students; a special needs funding factor of 1.20 shall be  
31 applied as set out in AS 14.17.410(b)(1);

1 (2) in addition to the special needs funding for which a district is  
 2 eligible under (1) of this subsection, a district is eligible for intensive services funding  
 3 for each special education student who needs and receives intensive services and is  
 4 enrolled on the last day of the count period; for each such student, intensive services  
 5 funding is equal to \$22,500 multiplied by the area cost factor of the funding  
 6 community in which the student is enrolled.

7 (b) In this section, "intensive services" has the meaning given by the  
 8 department by regulation adopted under AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350.

9 **Sec. 14.17.430. State funding for centralized correspondence study.** Except  
 10 as provided in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for the state centralized correspondence study  
 11 program includes an allocation from the public school account (AS 14.17.300) in an  
 12 amount calculated by multiplying the ADM of the correspondence program by the base  
 13 student allocation and multiplying that product by 65 percent.

14 **Sec. 14.17.435. State funding for state boarding school.** Except as provided  
 15 in AS 14.17.400(b), funding for the state boarding school established under  
 16 AS 14.16.010 includes an allocation from the public school account (AS 14.17.300)  
 17 in an amount calculated by multiplying the ADM of the state boarding school by the  
 18 special needs factor in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) and multiplying that product by the base  
 19 student allocation. The state boarding school is also eligible for intensive services  
 20 funding under AS 14.17.420(a)(2).

21 **Sec. 14.17.440. Local contribution.** (a) The required local contribution to  
 22 a city or borough school district is a district's local contribution as calculated  
 23 according to AS 14.17.410(b)(2).

24 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a city or borough from contributing to its  
 25 district amounts in excess of the local contribution required under this section if the  
 26 local contribution is also in compliance with federal law.

27 **Sec. 14.17.450. Funding communities.** The department shall adopt  
 28 regulations defining funding communities within each district that reflect geographic  
 29 and attendance area factors. The regulations may not allow for funding communities  
 30 smaller than 10 ADM.

31 **Sec. 14.17.460. Funding community size factor.** (a) For purposes of

1 calculating a district's adjusted ADM to determine equalization funding, the ADM of  
 2 each funding community in a district shall be multiplied by a funding community size  
 3 factor as set out in the following table:

4	ADM	Funding Community Size Factor
5	10 - 20	2.75
6	21 - 40	2.20
7	41 - 80	1.90
8	81 - 160	1.55
9	161 - 400	1.40
10	401 - 1,000	1.10
11	over 1,000	1.00.

12 (b) For a district that consists of one funding community with an ADM of 900  
 13 or less, the district ADM shall be multiplied according to AS 14.17.410(b)(1) by the  
 14 appropriate factor as set out in the following table:

15	ADM	Factor
16	1 - 250	1.12
17	251 - 525	1.08
18	526 - 900	1.06

19 **Sec. 14.17.470. Area cost and transportation factors.** (a) For purposes of  
 20 calculating a district's adjusted ADM under AS 14.17.410(b)(1), the department shall  
 21 adopt in regulation an area cost factor for each funding community. In adopting the  
 22 regulations, the department shall consider factors that affect the cost of providing  
 23 public educational services in a funding community, including student transportation.

24 (b) For purposes of calculating a district's adjusted ADM under  
 25 AS 14.17.410(b)(1), the department shall adopt by regulation a transportation factor  
 26 for each district.

27 **Sec. 14.17.475. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is  
 28 \$3,400.

## 29 **Article 2. Preparation of Public School Funding Budget.**

30 **Sec. 14.17.500. Student count estimate.** (a) A district shall prepare and  
 31 submit to the department by October 15 of each fiscal year, in the manner and on

1 forms prescribed by the department, an estimate of its ADM and other student count  
2 data for the succeeding fiscal year upon which computations can be made to estimate  
3 the amount of public school funding for which the district may be eligible under  
4 AS 14.17.400 in the succeeding fiscal year. In making its report, the district shall  
5 consider its ADM, other student count data, the pattern of growth or decline of the  
6 student population in preceding years, and other pertinent information available to the  
7 district.

8 (b) Part-time students and district correspondence students shall be included  
9 in the student count data in accordance with regulations adopted by the department.

10 **Sec. 14.17.505. Fund balance in school operating fund.** (a) A district may  
11 not accumulate in a fiscal year an unreserved portion of its year-end fund balance in  
12 its school operating fund, as defined by department regulations, that is greater than 10  
13 percent of its expenditures for that fiscal year.

14 (b) The department shall review each district's annual audit under AS 14.14.050  
15 for the preceding fiscal year to ascertain its year-end operating fund balance. The  
16 amount by which the unreserved portion of that balance exceeds the amount permitted  
17 in (a) of this section shall be deducted from the public school funding that would  
18 otherwise be paid to the district in the current fiscal year.

19 **Sec. 14.17.510. Determination of full and true value by Department of**  
20 **Community and Regional Affairs.** (a) To determine the amount of required local  
21 contribution under AS 14.17.440 and to aid the department and the legislature in  
22 planning, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, in consultation with the  
23 assessor for each district in a city or borough, shall determine the full and true value  
24 of the taxable real and personal property in each district in a city or borough. If there  
25 is no local assessor or current local assessment for a city or borough school district,  
26 then the Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall make the determination  
27 of full and true value from information available. In making the determination, the  
28 Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall be guided by AS 29.45.110.  
29 The determination of full and true value shall be made by October 1 and sent by  
30 certified mail, return receipt requested, on or before that date to the president of the  
31 school board in each city or borough school district. Duplicate copies shall be sent to

1 the commissioner. The governing body of a city or borough that is a school district  
 2 may obtain judicial review of the determination. The superior court may modify the  
 3 determination of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs only upon a  
 4 finding of abuse of discretion or upon a finding that there is no substantial evidence  
 5 to support the determination.

6 (b) Motor vehicles subject to the motor vehicle registration tax under  
 7 AS 28.10.431 shall be treated as taxable property under this section.

8 **Article 3. Procedure for Payments of Public School Funding.**

9 **Sec. 14.17.600. Student counting periods.** (a) Within two weeks after the  
 10 end of the 20-school-day period ending the fourth Friday in October, each district shall  
 11 transmit a report to the department that, under regulations adopted by the department,  
 12 reports its ADM for that counting period and other student count information that will  
 13 aid the department in making a determination of its state aid under the public school  
 14 funding program. If it makes the district eligible for more state aid under the program,  
 15 a district may transmit, within two weeks after the 20-school-day period ending the  
 16 second Friday in February, a similar report for that counting period. For centralized  
 17 correspondence study, the October report shall be based on the period from July 1  
 18 through the fourth Friday in October, except that summer school students shall be  
 19 counted as a proportionate fraction as determined by the department. The department  
 20 may make necessary corrections in the report submitted and shall notify the district of  
 21 changes made. The commissioner shall notify the governor of additional  
 22 appropriations the commissioner estimates to be necessary to fully finance the public  
 23 school funding program for the current fiscal year.

24 (b) Upon written request and for good cause shown, the commissioner may  
 25 permit a district to use a 20-school-day counting period other than the periods set out  
 26 in (a) of this section. However, a counting period approved under this subsection must  
 27 be 20 consecutive school days unless one or more alternate counting periods are  
 28 necessary to permit a district to implement flexible scheduling that meets the district's  
 29 needs and goals without jeopardizing the public school funding for which the district  
 30 would be ordinarily be eligible under this chapter.

31 **Sec. 14.17.610. Distribution of public school funding.** (a) The department

1 shall determine the public school funding for each school district in a fiscal year on  
 2 the basis of the district's student count data reported under AS 14.17.600. On or  
 3 before the 15th day of each of the first nine months of each fiscal year, one-twelfth  
 4 of each district's public school funding shall be distributed on the basis of the data  
 5 reported for the preceding fiscal year. On or before the 15th day of each of the last  
 6 three months of each fiscal year, one-third of the balance of each district's public  
 7 school funding shall be distributed, after the balance has been recomputed on the basis  
 8 of student count and other data reported for the current fiscal year.

9 (b) If a district receives more public school funding than it is entitled to  
 10 receive under this chapter, the district shall immediately remit the amount of  
 11 overpayment to the commissioner, to be returned to the public school account  
 12 (AS 14.17.300).

13 (c) Upon an adequate showing of a cash flow shortfall of a district, and in the  
 14 discretion of the commissioner, the department may make advance payments to a  
 15 district. The total of advance payments may not exceed the amount of public school  
 16 funding for which the district is eligible for the fiscal year.

#### 17 **Article 4. General Provisions.**

18 **Sec. 14.17.900. Construction and implementation of chapter.** (a) This  
 19 chapter does not create a debt of the state. Each district shall establish, maintain, and  
 20 operate under a balanced budget. The state is not responsible for the debts of a school  
 21 district.

22 (b) Money to carry out the provisions of this chapter may be appropriated  
 23 annually by the legislature into the public school account (AS 14.17.300). If the  
 24 amount in the account is insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under  
 25 AS 14.17.400 - 14.17.475 for a fiscal year, public school funding shall be reduced  
 26 according to AS 14.17.400(b).

27 **Sec. 14.17.910. Restrictions governing receipt and expenditure of district**  
 28 **money.** (a) Each district shall maintain complete financial records of the receipt and  
 29 disbursement of public school funding, money acquired from local effort, and other  
 30 money received or held by the district. The records must be in the form required by  
 31 the department and are subject to audit by the department at a time and place

1 designated by the department.

2 (b) Public school funding provided under this chapter is for general operational  
3 purposes of the district. All district money, including public school funding, shall be  
4 received, held, allocated, and expended by the district under applicable local law and  
5 state and federal constitutional provisions, statutes, and regulations, including those  
6 related to ethical standards and accounting principles.

7 **Sec. 14.17.920. Regulations.** The department shall adopt regulations to  
8 interpret and implement this chapter.

9 **Sec. 14.17.990. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context requires  
10 otherwise,

11 (1) "ADM or average daily membership" means the aggregate number  
12 of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a funding community during the student  
13 count period for which a determination is being made, divided by the actual number  
14 of days that school is in session for the student count period for which the  
15 determination is being made;

16 (2) "district" means a city or borough school district or a regional  
17 educational attendance area;

18 (3) "district adjusted ADM" means the number resulting from the  
19 calculations under AS 14.17.410(b)(1);

20 (4) "district ADM" means the sum of the ADMs in a district;

21 (5) "local contribution" means appropriations and the value of in-kind  
22 services made by a city or borough to its district;

23 (6) "public school funding" means money provided under the public  
24 school funding program established in this chapter;

25 (7) "taxable real and personal property" means all real and personal  
26 property taxable under the laws of the state.

27 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.120(g) is amended to read:

28 (g) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990  
29 [AS 14.17.250].

30 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.125(e) is amended to read:

31 (e) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990

1 [AS 14.17.250].

2 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.03.150(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) The department may not award a school construction or major maintenance  
4 grant under AS 14.11 to a municipality that is a school district or a regional  
5 educational attendance area that is not in compliance with (a) of this section. The  
6 department shall reduce the amount of **public school funding** [STATE FOUNDATION  
7 AID] under **AS 14.17.400** [AS 14.17.021] for which a school district may qualify [,]  
8 by the amount, if any, paid by the department under (b) of this section.

9 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.03.160(f)(2) is amended to read:

10 (2) "district" has the meaning given in **AS 14.17.990** [AS 14.17.250].

11 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.03.260(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) The charter school shall provide the financial and accounting information  
13 requested by the local school board or the Department of Education [,] and shall  
14 cooperate with the local school district or the department in complying with the  
15 requirements of **AS 14.17.910** [AS 14.17.190].

16 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 14.09.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17 **Sec. 14.09.010. Transportation of students.** (a) A district may provide for  
18 the transportation of students.

19 (b) A district that provides for the transportation of students is eligible for  
20 adjustments in public school funding as set out in AS 14.17.470(b).

21 (c) A district that provides for the transportation of students may determine  
22 and establish a system for the transportation of students to address needs and priorities  
23 of the district. However, the district shall comply with applicable statutes, regulations,  
24 and local laws related to minimum standards for school buses, school bus driver  
25 training courses, certification of course instructors, certification of bus drivers, and  
26 other safety concerns related to the transportation of students.

27 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 14.11.008(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) The required participating share for a municipal school district is based on  
29 the district's full value per **average daily membership (ADM)**, which is calculated  
30 by dividing the full and true value of the taxable real and personal property in the  
31 district, calculated as described in **AS 14.17.510** [AS 14.17.025(a)(1),] by the district

1 ADM [AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM)] as defined in AS 14.17.990  
 2 [AS 14.17.250], for the same fiscal year for which the valuation was made. The  
 3 municipal district's full value per ADM determines the district's required participating  
 4 share, as follows:

5 Full Value Per ADM	District Participating Share
6 \$1 - \$100,000	5 percent
7 100,001 - 200,000	10 percent
8 200,001 - 600,000	30 percent
9 over 600,000	35 percent.

10 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 14.14.115(c)(2) is amended to read:

11 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990 [AS 14.17.250].

12 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 14.16.050(a)(2) is amended to read:

13 (2) requirements relating to the public school funding program  
 14 [STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION] and the receipt and  
 15 expenditure of that funding [ASSISTANCE]:

16 (A) AS 14.17.500 [AS 14.17.080] (relating to student count  
 17 estimates);

18 (B) AS 14.17.505 [AS 14.17.082] (relating to school operating  
 19 fund balances);

20 (C) AS 14.17.500 - 14.17.910 [AS 14.17.160 - 14.17.220]  
 21 (setting out the procedure for payment of public school funding [FINANCIAL  
 22 ASSISTANCE,] and imposing general requirements and limits on money paid);

23 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 14.16.080(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) AS 14.17.435 [AS 14.17.024] applies to the calculation of public school  
 25 funding [STATE AID] payable for operation of the state boarding school.

26 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 14.20.177(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) A school district may implement a layoff plan under this section if it is  
 28 necessary for the district to reduce the number of tenured teachers because

29 (1) school attendance in the district has decreased; [OR]

30 (2) the [BASIC] need of the school district determined under  
 31 AS 14.17.410(b)(1) [AS 14.17.021(b) AND ADJUSTED UNDER AS 14.17.225(b)]

1 decreases by three percent or more from the previous year; or

2 (3) the state share of equalization funding is reduced under  
 3 AS 14.17.400(b) by three percent or more in a fiscal year.

4 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 14.30.305 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.30.305. State support of programs for children hospitalized or**  
 6 **confined to their homes.** A child who is hospitalized or confined to home and who  
 7 receives at least 10 hours of special education and related services per week may be  
 8 counted as a pupil in average daily membership when computing state support under  
 9 the public school **funding** [FOUNDATION] program.

10 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 14.30.315(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) To be eligible for state support under the public school **funding**  
 12 [FOUNDATION] program, special education and related services for gifted children  
 13 must be provided in a program that has been approved in advance by the department.

14 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 14.30.347 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 14.30.347. Transportation of exceptional children.** When transportation  
 16 is required to be provided as related services, **an** exceptional **child** [CHILDREN] shall  
 17 be carried with other children **if the district provides transportation to other**  
 18 **children in the district** [,] except when the nature of **the** [THEIR] physical or mental  
 19 **disability** [DISABILITIES] is such that it is in the best interest of the exceptional  
 20 **child** [CHILDREN], as determined by the school district, that **the child** [THEY] be  
 21 transported separately. **A district is responsible for the costs associated with**  
 22 **providing transportation as a related service to an exceptional child** [STATE  
 23 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
 24 SHALL BE AS PROVIDED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF ALL OTHER PUPILS  
 25 EXCEPT THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT SUBJECT TO  
 26 RESTRICTION BASED ON THE MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN THE  
 27 SCHOOL AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD].

28 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 14.30.650 is repealed and reenacted to read:

29 **Sec. 14.30.650. Funding.** (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, each fiscal  
 30 year the department may allocate to the agency an amount equal to 18 percent of the  
 31 unadjusted statewide ADM multiplied by \$85.

1 (b) In this section, "statewide ADM" means the sum of all district ADMs in  
 2 the state as calculated under AS 14.17.

3 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 14.36.030(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A district operating a community school program under an approved plan  
 5 of operation may receive an annual grant from the state of one-half of one percent of  
 6 its public school **funding** [FOUNDATION SUPPORT] or \$10,000, whichever is  
 7 greater.

8 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 29.45.020(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) If a municipality levies and collects property taxes, the governing body  
 10 shall provide the following notice:

11 "NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

12 For the current fiscal year the (city)(borough) has been allocated the  
 13 following amount of state aid for school and municipal purposes under  
 14 the applicable financial assistance Acts:

15 **PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING PROGRAM**

16 [PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION	
17 PROGRAM ASSISTANCE] (AS 14.17)	\$
18 STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF	
19 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT	
20 (AS 14.11.100)	\$
21 MUNICIPAL TAX RESOURCE	
22 EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	
23 (AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080)	\$
24 STATE AID FOR MISCELLANEOUS	
25 MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
26 (AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.180)	\$
27 TOTAL AID	\$

28 The millage equivalent of this state aid, based on the dollar  
 29 value of a mill in the municipality during the current assessment  
 30 year and for the preceding assessment year, is:

31 MILLAGE EQUIVALENT

1	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
2	<b><u>PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING</u></b>	
3	<b><u>PROGRAM</u></b> [PUBLIC SCHOOL	
4	FOUNDATION PROGRAM	
5	ASSISTANCE]	....MILLS      ....MILLS
6	STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT	
7	OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT	....MILLS      ....MILLS
8	MUNICIPAL TAX RESOURCE	
9	EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	....MILLS      ....MILLS
10	STATE AID FOR MISCELLANEOUS	
11	MUNICIPAL SERVICES	....MILLS      ....MILLS
12	TOTAL MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	....MILLS      ....MILLS"

13 Notice shall be provided **by**

14 (1) [BY] furnishing a copy of the notice with tax statements mailed for  
 15 the fiscal year for which aid is received; or

16 (2) [BY] publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
 17 municipality a copy of the notice once each week for a period of three successive  
 18 weeks, with publication to occur not later than 45 days after the final adoption of the  
 19 municipality's budget.

20 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 29.60.030(d) is amended to read:

21 (d) The full and true assessed property value shall be determined by the  
 22 department in the manner provided for the computation of state aid to education under  
 23 **AS 14.17.510** [AS 14.17.140]. When the determination of locally generated revenue  
 24 includes revenue of a utility received under AS 29.60.010(c)(1)(E), the full and true  
 25 assessed property value must include the computed assessed value of the utility,  
 26 determined by dividing the amount of the payment in place of taxes made by the  
 27 utility by the millage rate that would apply to the utility if the utility were subject to  
 28 levy and collection of taxes under AS 29.45.

29 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 36.10.090(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) A local government or school district covered by the provisions of this  
 31 chapter that is found to be in violation of these provisions may be required to forfeit

1 all or part of the state aid made available for the project in which the violation occurs  
 2 and in addition may be denied up to 12 months of state revenue sharing or public  
 3 school **funding** [FOUNDATION MONEY]. A state department or agency head found  
 4 to be in violation of this chapter may be required to forfeit the position of department  
 5 or agency head.

6 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 36.10.125(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) In an action brought under (b) of this section, the court may, in its  
 8 discretion, order denial of state revenue sharing or public school **funding**  
 9 [FOUNDATION MONEY], forfeiture of office or position, or injunctive or other  
 10 relief. If the court finds for the plaintiff in an action brought under (b) of this section,  
 11 it may award the plaintiff an amount equal to the actual costs and attorney fees  
 12 incurred by the plaintiff.

13 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 44.47.305(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) A grant under (a) of this section may not exceed \$50 per month for each  
 15 child the child care facility cares for, or for each full-time equivalent, as determined  
 16 by the department. The grant shall be adjusted on a geographic basis by the same  
 17 percentages as **funding communities** [INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT ALLOTMENTS] are  
 18 adjusted under **AS 14.17.470** [AS 14.17.051].

19 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 14.09.020; AS 14.17.010, 14.17.021, 14.17.022, 14.17.024, 14.17.025,  
 20 14.17.026, 14.17.031, 14.17.041, 14.17.043, 14.17.045, 14.17.047, 14.17.051, 14.17.056,  
 21 14.17.080, 14.17.082, 14.17.140, 14.17.160, 14.17.170, 14.17.190, 14.17.200, 14.17.210,  
 22 14.17.220, 14.17.225, 14.17.250; and AS 14.30.010(b)(7) are repealed.

23 \* **Sec. 25.** TRANSITION: AREA COST FACTORS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 14.17.470,  
 24 enacted by sec. 2 of this Act, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1997, and July 1, 1998,  
 25 and for the purposes of calculating public school funding under AS 14.17, as enacted by sec. 2  
 26 of this Act, the area cost factor of a funding community of a school district is as follows:

27	DISTRICT	FUNDING COMMUNITY	AREA COST FACTOR
28	Alaska Gateway	Alcan Border	1.14
29	Alaska Gateway	Dot Lake	1.14
30	Alaska Gateway	Eagle	1.14
31	Alaska Gateway	Mentasta	1.14

1	Alaska Gateway	Northway	1.14
2	Alaska Gateway	Tanacross	1.14
3	Alaska Gateway	Tetlin	1.14
4	Alaska Gateway	Tok	1.14
5	Aleutians East	Akutan	1.32
6	Aleutians East	Cold Bay	1.32
7	Aleutians East	False Pass	1.32
8	Aleutians East	King Cove	1.32
9	Aleutians East	Nelson Lagoon	1.32
10	Aleutians East	Sand Point	1.32
11	Aleutians Region	Atka	1.32
12	Alyeska Central School	Alyeska Central School	1.00
13	Anchorage	Anchorage	1.00
14	Anchorage	Eagle River	1.00
15	Anchorage	Girdwood	1.00
16	Annette Island	Annette	1.05
17	Bering Strait	Brevig Mission	1.40
18	Bering Strait	Diomede	1.55
19	Bering Strait	Elim	1.40
20	Bering Strait	Gambell	1.55
21	Bering Strait	Golovin	1.40
22	Bering Strait	Koyuk	1.40
23	Bering Strait	Savoonga	1.55
24	Bering Strait	Shaktoolik	1.40
25	Bering Strait	Shishmaref	1.40
26	Bering Strait	St. Michael	1.40
27	Bering Strait	Stebbins	1.40
28	Bering Strait	Teller	1.40
29	Bering Strait	Unalakleet	1.40
30	Bering Strait	Wales	1.40
31	Bering Strait	White Mountain	1.40

1	Bristol Bay	Bristol Bay	1.40
2	Bristol Bay	South Naknek	1.40
3	Chatham	Angoon	1.05
4	Chatham	Cube Cove	1.05
5	Chatham	Elfin Cove	1.05
6	Chatham	Gustavus	1.05
7	Chatham	Hobart Bay	1.05
8	Chatham	Klukwan	1.05
9	Chatham	Tenakee Springs	1.05
10	Chugach	Chenega Bay	1.14
11	Chugach	Icy Bay	1.14
12	Chugach	Tatitlek	1.14
13	Chugach	Whittier	1.05
14	Chugach	Yakataga	1.14
15	Copper River	Chistochina	1.05
16	Copper River	Copper Center	1.05
17	Copper River	Gakona	1.05
18	Copper River	Glennallen	1.05
19	Copper River	Kenny Lake	1.05
20	Copper River	Lottie Sparks	1.05
21	Copper River	Slana	1.05
22	Cordova	Cordova	1.14
23	Craig	Craig	1.05
24	Delta/Greely	Delta Junction	1.14
25	Delta/Greely	Healy Lake	1.14
26	Denali	Anderson	1.14
27	Denali	Cantwell	1.14
28	Denali	Healy	1.14
29	Dillingham	Dillingham	1.32
30	Fairbanks	Eielson	1.00
31	Fairbanks	Fairbanks	1.00

1	Fairbanks	North Pole	1.00
2	Fairbanks	Salcha	1.05
3	Fairbanks	Two Rivers	1.05
4	Galena	Galena	1.32
5	Haines	Haines	1.05
6	Haines	Mosquito Lake	1.05
7	Hoonah	Hoonah	1.05
8	Hydaburg	Hydaburg	1.05
9	Iditarod	Anvik	1.32
10	Iditarod	Grayling	1.32
11	Iditarod	Holy Cross	1.32
12	Iditarod	Lake Minchumina	1.32
13	Iditarod	Lime Village	1.32
14	Iditarod	McGrath	1.32
15	Iditarod	Nikolai	1.32
16	Iditarod	Shageluk	1.32
17	Iditarod	Takotna	1.32
18	Iditarod	Telida	1.32
19	Juneau	Juneau	1.00
20	Kake	Kake	1.05
21	Kashunamiut	Chevak	1.32
22	Kenai Peninsula	Anchor Point	1.00
23	Kenai Peninsula	Cooper Landing	1.00
24	Kenai Peninsula	Homer	1.00
25	Kenai Peninsula	Hope	1.00
26	Kenai Peninsula	Kachemak Selo	1.05
27	Kenai Peninsula	Kasilof	1.00
28	Kenai Peninsula	Kenai	1.00
29	Kenai Peninsula	McNeil Canyon	1.00
30	Kenai Peninsula	Moose Pass	1.00
31	Kenai Peninsula	Nanwalek	1.05

1	Kenai Peninsula	Nikiski	1.00
2	Kenai Peninsula	Nikolaevsk	1.05
3	Kenai Peninsula	Ninilchik	1.00
4	Kenai Peninsula	Port Graham	1.05
5	Kenai Peninsula	Razdolna	1.05
6	Kenai Peninsula	Seldovia	1.05
7	Kenai Peninsula	Seward	1.00
8	Kenai Peninsula	Soldotna	1.00
9	Kenai Peninsula	Sterling	1.00
10	Kenai Peninsula	Tyonek	1.05
11	Kenai Peninsula	Voznesenka	1.05
12	Ketchikan	Ketchikan	1.00
13	Klawock	Klawock	1.05
14	Kodiak Island	Akhiok	1.14
15	Kodiak Island	Big Sandy Lake	1.14
16	Kodiak Island	Chiniak	1.05
17	Kodiak Island	Danger Bay	1.14
18	Kodiak Island	Karluk	1.14
19	Kodiak Island	Kodiak	1.05
20	Kodiak Island	Larsen Bay	1.14
21	Kodiak Island	Old Harbor	1.14
22	Kodiak Island	Ouzinkie	1.14
23	Kodiak Island	Port Lions	1.14
24	Kuspuk	Aniak	1.32
25	Kuspuk	Chuathbaluk	1.32
26	Kuspuk	Crooked Creek	1.32
27	Kuspuk	Lower Kalskag	1.32
28	Kuspuk	Red Devil	1.32
29	Kuspuk	Sleetmute	1.32
30	Kuspuk	Stony River	1.32
31	Kuspuk	Upper Kalskag	1.32

1	Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Bay	1.32
2	Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Lagoon	1.32
3	Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Lake	1.32
4	Lake and Peninsula	Egegik	1.32
5	Lake and Peninsula	Igiugig	1.32
6	Lake and Peninsula	Ivanof Bay	1.32
7	Lake and Peninsula	Kokhanok	1.32
8	Lake and Peninsula	Levelok	1.32
9	Lake and Peninsula	Newhalen	1.32
10	Lake and Peninsula	Nondalton	1.32
11	Lake and Peninsula	Pedro Bay	1.32
12	Lake and Peninsula	Perryville	1.32
13	Lake and Peninsula	Pilot Point	1.32
14	Lake and Peninsula	Port Alsworth	1.32
15	Lake and Peninsula	Port Heiden	1.32
16	Lower Kuskokwim	Akiuk	1.32
17	Lower Kuskokwim	Akula	1.32
18	Lower Kuskokwim	Atmautlauk	1.32
19	Lower Kuskokwim	Bethel	1.32
20	Lower Kuskokwim	Chefornak	1.32
21	Lower Kuskokwim	Eek	1.32
22	Lower Kuskokwim	Goodnews Bay	1.32
23	Lower Kuskokwim	Kipnuk	1.32
24	Lower Kuskokwim	Kongiganak	1.32
25	Lower Kuskokwim	Kwethluk	1.32
26	Lower Kuskokwim	Kwigillingok	1.32
27	Lower Kuskokwim	Mekoryuk	1.40
28	Lower Kuskokwim	Napakiak	1.32
29	Lower Kuskokwim	Napaskiak	1.32
30	Lower Kuskokwim	Newtok	1.32
31	Lower Kuskokwim	Nightmute	1.32

1	Lower Kuskokwim	Nunapitchuk	1.32
2	Lower Kuskokwim	Oscarville	1.32
3	Lower Kuskokwim	Platinum	1.32
4	Lower Kuskokwim	Quinhagak	1.32
5	Lower Kuskokwim	Toksook Bay	1.32
6	Lower Kuskokwim	Tuntutuliak	1.32
7	Lower Kuskokwim	Tununak	1.32
8	Lower Yukon	Alakanak	1.32
9	Lower Yukon	Emmonak	1.32
10	Lower Yukon	Hooper Bay	1.32
11	Lower Yukon	Kotlik	1.32
12	Lower Yukon	Marshall	1.32
13	Lower Yukon	Mountain Village	1.32
14	Lower Yukon	Pilot Station	1.32
15	Lower Yukon	Pitkas Point	1.32
16	Lower Yukon	Russian Mission	1.32
17	Lower Yukon	Scammon Bay	1.32
18	Lower Yukon	Sheldon Point	1.32
19	Mat-Su	Beryozava	1.05
20	Mat-Su	Big Lake	1.00
21	Mat-Su	Butte	1.00
22	Mat-Su	Colony	1.00
23	Mat-Su	Glacier View	1.00
24	Mat-Su	Houston	1.00
25	Mat-Su	Mat-Su Valley	1.00
26	Mat-Su	Palmer	1.00
27	Mat-Su	Pt. McKenzie	1.00
28	Mat-Su	Skwentna	1.05
29	Mat-Su	Sutton	1.00
30	Mat-Su	Talkeetna	1.00
31	Mat-Su	Trapper Creek	1.00

1	Mat-Su	Wasilla	1.00
2	Mat-Su	Willow	1.00
3	Mt. Edgecumbe	Mt. Edgecumbe	1.00
4	Nenana	Nenana	1.14
5	Nome	Nome	1.32
6	North Slope	Anaktuvuk Pass	1.55
7	North Slope	Atkasuk	1.55
8	North Slope	Barrow	1.55
9	North Slope	Kaktovik	1.55
10	North Slope	Nuiqsut	1.55
11	North Slope	Point Hope	1.55
12	North Slope	Point Lay	1.55
13	North Slope	Wainwright	1.55
14	Northwest Arctic	Ambler	1.45
15	Northwest Arctic	Buckland	1.45
16	Northwest Arctic	Deering	1.45
17	Northwest Arctic	Kiana	1.45
18	Northwest Arctic	Kivalina	1.45
19	Northwest Arctic	Kobuk	1.45
20	Northwest Arctic	Kotzebue	1.45
21	Northwest Arctic	Noatak	1.45
22	Northwest Arctic	Noorvik	1.45
23	Northwest Arctic	Selawik	1.45
24	Northwest Arctic	Shungnak	1.45
25	Pelican	Pelican	1.05
26	Petersburg	Petersburg	1.00
27	Pribilof	St. George	1.40
28	Pribilof	St. Paul	1.40
29	Sitka	Sitka	1.00
30	Skagway	Skagway	1.05
31	Southeast Island	Craik	1.05

1	Southeast Island	Edna Bay	1.05
2	Southeast Island	Hollis	1.05
3	Southeast Island	Howard Valentine	1.05
4	Southeast Island	Jr. Gildersleeve	1.05
5	Southeast Island	Kasaan	1.05
6	Southeast Island	Naukati	1.05
7	Southeast Island	Polk Inlet	1.05
8	Southeast Island	Port Alexander	1.05
9	Southeast Island	Port Protection	1.05
10	Southeast Island	Thorne Bay	1.05
11	Southeast Island	Whale Pass	1.05
12	Southwest Region	Aleknagik North	1.32
13	Southwest Region	Clarks Point	1.32
14	Southwest Region	Ekwok	1.32
15	Southwest Region	Koliganek	1.32
16	Southwest Region	Manokotak	1.32
17	Southwest Region	New Stuyahok	1.32
18	Southwest Region	Portage	1.32
19	Southwest Region	Togiak	1.32
20	Southwest Region	Twin Hills	1.32
21	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	1.32
22	Tanana	Tanana	1.40
23	Unalaska	Unalaska	1.32
24	Valdez	Valdez	1.05
25	Wrangell	Wrangell	1.00
26	Yakutat	Yakutat	1.14
27	Yukon Flats	Arctic Village	1.45
28	Yukon Flats	Beaver	1.45
29	Yukon Flats	Birch Creek	1.45
30	Yukon Flats	Central	1.32
31	Yukon Flats	Chalkyitsik	1.45

1	Yukon Flats	Circle	1.32
2	Yukon Flats	Fort Yukon	1.45
3	Yukon Flats	Northern Lights	1.32
4	Yukon Flats	Rampart	1.45
5	Yukon Flats	Stevens Village	1.45
6	Yukon Flats	Venetie	1.45
7	Yukon/Koyukuk	Allakaket	1.40
8	Yukon/Koyukuk	Bettles	1.40
9	Yukon/Koyukuk	Hughes	1.40
10	Yukon/Koyukuk	Huslia	1.40
11	Yukon/Koyukuk	Kaltag	1.40
12	Yukon/Koyukuk	Koyukuk	1.40
13	Yukon/Koyukuk	Manley Hot Springs	1.40
14	Yukon/Koyukuk	Minto	1.32
15	Yukon/Koyukuk	Nulato	1.40
16	Yukon/Koyukuk	Ruby	1.40
17	Yupiiit	Akiachak	1.32
18	Yupiiit	Akiak	1.32
19	Yupiiit	Tuluksak	1.32

20 (b) The Department of Education shall research and report to the governor and the  
21 legislature regarding the area costs in the funding communities in the school districts in the  
22 state for the public school funding program under AS 14.17, as enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.  
23 The department shall submit the report by January 1, 1999.

24 (c) For the period during which the area cost factors set out in (a) of this section serve  
25 as the public school funding area cost factors under AS 14.17, as amended by this Act, those  
26 area cost factors apply for purposes of geographic adjustments to child care grants under  
27 AS 44.47.305(c), as amended by sec. 23 of this Act.

28 \* **Sec. 26.** TRANSITION: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION. (a) Notwithstanding  
29 AS 14.09.010(b), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 8 of this Act, and AS 14.17.470(b),  
30 enacted by sec. 2 of this Act, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1997, and July 1, 1998,  
31 and for the purposes of calculating public school funding under AS 14.17, as amended by this

1 Act, a school district that provides student transportation shall have its adjusted ADM  
 2 multiplied by a transportation factor as follows:

3	DISTRICT	TRANSPORTATION FACTOR
4	Alaska Gateway	1.07
5	Aleutian Region	1.00
6	Aleutians East	1.01
7	Anchorage	1.04
8	Annette Islands	1.00
9	Bering Strait	1.00
10	Bristol Bay	1.07
11	Chatham	1.00
12	Chugach	1.00
13	Copper River	1.09
14	Cordova	1.01
15	Craig	1.00
16	Delta/Greely	1.10
17	Denali	1.07
18	Dillingham	1.04
19	Fairbanks	1.05
20	Galena	1.02
21	Haines	1.04
22	Hoonah	1.01
23	Hydaburg	1.00
24	Iditarod	1.01
25	Juneau	1.04
26	Kake	1.01
27	Kashunamiut	1.00
28	Kenai Peninsula	1.05
29	Ketchikan	1.04
30	Klawock	1.00
31	Kodiak Island	1.03

1	Kuspuk	1.02
2	Lake and Peninsula	1.02
3	Lower Kuskokwim	1.01
4	Lower Yukon	1.00
5	Mat-Su	1.08
6	Nenana	1.05
7	Nome	1.03
8	North Slope	1.02
9	Northwest Arctic	1.00
10	Pelican	1.00
11	Petersburg	1.02
12	Pribilof	1.00
13	Sitka	1.04
14	Skagway	1.00
15	Southeast Island	1.03
16	Southwest Region	1.02
17	St. Mary's	1.00
18	Tanana	1.01
19	Unalaska	1.03
20	Valdez	1.04
21	Wrangell	1.03
22	Yakutat	1.03
23	Yukon Flats	1.01
24	Yukon/Koyukuk	1.01
25	Yupiit	1.00

26 \* **Sec. 27.** TRANSITION: HOLD HARMLESS. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
27 secs. 1 - 26 of this Act and except as provided in (c) of this section, if, for a fiscal year  
28 beginning July 1, 1997, through July 1, 2000, a school district would receive less public  
29 school funding under AS 14.17.410, enacted by sec. 2 of this Act, than the district would have  
30 received as state aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and if the district meets the  
31 requirements of (b) of this section, the district is eligible to receive instead a percentage of

1 the state aid the district would have received for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997,  
2 according to the following table:

3 For the fiscal year beginning	4 Percentage of state aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997
5 July 1, 1997	6 100
7 July 1, 1998	8 80
9 July 1, 1999	10 60
11 July 1, 2000	12 40
13 July 1, 2001	14 20

15 (b) A school district in a city or borough is not entitled to the hold harmless  
16 percentage set out in (a) of this section for a fiscal year unless the city or borough makes a  
17 local contribution to the district for that fiscal year as required under this subsection. For the  
18 hold harmless for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, the required local contribution is the  
19 equivalent of a four mill tax levy; for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, the required local  
20 contribution is the equivalent of a five mill tax levy; for the fiscal year beginning  
21 July 1, 1999, the required local contribution is the equivalent of a six mill tax levy; and for  
22 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the required local contribution is the equivalent of a  
23 seven mill tax levy.

24 (c) For the purposes of the reduction required under AS 14.17.400(b), enacted by  
25 sec. 2 of this Act, hold harmless funding authorized under (a) and (b) of this section is treated  
26 the same as the state share of equalization funding under AS 14.17.410, enacted by sec. 2 of  
27 this Act.

28 (d) For purposes of this section, "state aid" means state foundation aid distributed  
29 under the provisions of AS 14.17, repealed by this Act, additional district support appropriated  
30 by the legislature, and student transportation support reimbursed by the Department of  
31 Education.

\* **Sec. 28.** TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. To the extent the regulations are not  
inconsistent with the language and purposes of this Act, regulations relating to state aid for  
public schools adopted by the Department of Education before the effective date of this Act  
remain in effect as valid regulations implementing this Act; all other regulations relating to  
state aid for public schools adopted by the Department of Education before the effective date

1 of this Act are annulled. The Department of Education may administer and enforce those  
 2 previously adopted regulations relating to state foundation aid for public schools.

3 \* **Sec. 29.** TRANSITION: BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION. Notwithstanding  
 4 AS 14.17.475, enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, the base student allocation is as follows:

5	For the fiscal year beginning	Base student allocation
6	1997	\$2,950
7	1998	3,150
8	1999	3,250
9	2000	3,325
10	2001	3,400

11 \* **Sec. 30.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.