

**SENATE BILL NO. 104**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR TORGERSON**

**Introduced: 2/20/01**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to state aid for volunteer services; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 29.20.640(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) Compliance with the provisions of this section is a prerequisite to receipt  
5 of municipal tax resource equalization assistance under AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080 and  
6 priority revenue sharing for municipal services under AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and  
7 29.60.140 - 29.60.180 [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180]. If a municipality does not comply  
8 with this section, the department shall withhold the allocations until the required  
9 reports are filed.

10 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 29.45.020 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 29.45.020. Taxpayer notice.** (a) If a municipality levies and collects  
12 property taxes, the governing body shall provide the following notice:

13 "NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

14 For the current fiscal year the (city)(borough) has been allocated the  
15 following amount of state aid for school and municipal purposes under

1	the applicable financial assistance Acts:	
2	PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING	
3	PROGRAM (AS 14.17)	\$
4	STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL	
5	CONSTRUCTION DEBT (AS 14.11.100)	\$
6	MUNICIPAL TAX RESOURCE EQUALIZATION	
7	(AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080)	\$
8	PRIORITY REVENUE SHARING FOR MUNICIPAL	
9	SERVICES ( <u>AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and</u>	
10	<u>29.60.140 - 29.60.180</u> [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180])	\$
11	REVENUE SHARING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES	
12	(AS 29.60.350 - 29.60.375)	\$
13	TOTAL AID	\$

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

	MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	
	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
17		
18		
19	PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING	
20	PROGRAM ASSISTANCE . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS
21	STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT	
22	OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	
23	DEBT . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS
24	MUNICIPAL TAX RESOURCE	
25	EQUALIZATION . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS
26	PRIORITY REVENUE SHARING	
27	FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS
28	REVENUE SHARING FOR	
29	SAFE COMMUNITIES . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS
30	TOTAL MILLAGE	
31	EQUIVALENT . . . .MILLS	. . . .MILLS"

1 Notice shall be provided by

2 (1) furnishing a copy of the notice with tax statements mailed for the  
3 fiscal year for which aid is received; or

4 (2) publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality  
5 a copy of the notice once each week for a period of three successive weeks, with  
6 publication to occur not later than 45 days after the final adoption of the municipality's  
7 budget.

8 (b) Compliance with the provisions of this section is a prerequisite to receipt  
9 of municipal tax resource equalization under AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080 and priority  
10 revenue sharing for municipal services under **AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and 29.60.140**  
11 **- 29.60.180** [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180]. The department shall withhold annual  
12 allocations under those sections until municipal officials demonstrate that the  
13 requirements of this section have been met.

14 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 29.45.660(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) Compliance with the provisions of this section is a prerequisite to receipt  
16 of municipal tax resource equalization under AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080 and priority  
17 revenue sharing for municipal services under **AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and 29.60.140**  
18 **- 29.60.180** [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180]. The department shall withhold annual  
19 allocations under those sections until municipal officials demonstrate that the  
20 requirements of this section have been met.

21 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 29.60.130 is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 29.60.130. State aid for [TO] volunteer services [FIRE**  
23 **DEPARTMENTS NOT IN ORGANIZED MUNICIPALITY].** (a) The department  
24 shall pay to a volunteer fire department registered with the state fire marshal and  
25 serving an area **with a population of less than 2,500** [NOT IN AN ORGANIZED  
26 MUNICIPALITY] a sum for protection purposes equal to \$10 per capita for the  
27 population served by the fire department, as determined by the state fire marshal.

28 (b) A grant shall be made [UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION] to facilitate the  
29 organization of a volunteer fire department in an area **with a population of less than**  
30 **2,500** [NOT IN AN ORGANIZED MUNICIPALITY,] upon application of the  
31 proposed fire protection group to the state fire marshal and upon approval of

1 applications according to standards of organization and service prescribed by  
2 regulations adopted by the state fire marshal.

3 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 29.60.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (c) The department shall pay to an organization that provides volunteer  
5 emergency medical services a sum equal to \$10 per capita for the population served by  
6 the organization to be used for the services if the organization

7 (1) is certified by the state to provide emergency medical services;

8 (2) provides ambulance services; and

9 (3) serves an area with a population of less than 2,500.

10 (d) Payments to a recipient under this section shall reflect area cost-of-living  
11 differentials calculated in accordance with AS 29.60.160.

12 (e) The volunteer services account is established. Money to carry out the  
13 provisions of this section shall be allocated by the department to the account in  
14 accordance with AS 29.60.280. If amounts in the account are insufficient to pay each  
15 recipient's share authorized under this section, the amounts that are available shall be  
16 distributed pro rata among recipients.

17 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 29.60.170 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 29.60.170. Municipal services account.** The municipal services account  
19 is established. Money to carry out the provisions of **AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and**  
20 **29.60.140 - 29.60.180** [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180] shall be allocated by the department  
21 to the account in accordance with AS 29.60.280. If amounts in the account are  
22 insufficient to pay each municipality's or other recipient's share authorized under  
23 **AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.120 and 29.60.140 - 29.60.180** [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180], the  
24 amounts that are available shall be distributed pro rata among eligible municipalities  
25 and other recipients.

26 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 29.60.280(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) Each year, the department shall allocate money appropriated to the  
28 accounts established in AS 29.60.060, **29.60.130(e)**, 29.60.170, and former  
29 AS 29.90.020 in the amounts determined by the legislature.

30 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 29.60.280(b) is amended to read:

31 (b) Money in the municipal services account established in AS 29.60.170 that

1 exceeds the amount required to fully fund distributions authorized by **AS 29.60.100 -**  
 2 **29.60.120 and 29.60.140 - 29.60.180** [AS 29.60.100 - 29.60.180] shall be reallocated  
 3 to the tax equalization account established in AS 29.60.060 and distributed according  
 4 to the provisions of AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080. **Money in the volunteer services**  
 5 **account established in AS 29.60.130(e) that exceeds the amount required to fully**  
 6 **fund distributions authorized by AS 29.60.130 shall be reallocated to the tax**  
 7 **equalization account established in AS 29.60.060 and distributed according to the**  
 8 **provisions of AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080.**

9 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 29.60.290(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A municipality qualifying for an entitlement under AS 29.60.010 -  
 11 29.60.080, **29.60.100 - 29.60.120,** or **29.60.140 - 29.60.180** [29.60.100 - 29.60.180]  
 12 shall receive a minimum payment plus an area cost-of-living differential for each  
 13 fiscal year if

14 (1) the municipality has conducted a regular election during the state  
 15 fiscal year preceding the year in which the department's determination of the  
 16 municipality's millage rate equivalent is made under AS 29.60.030 and has reported  
 17 the results of the election to the commissioner;

18 (2) regular meetings of the governing body are held in the municipality  
 19 during the state fiscal year preceding the year in which the department's determination  
 20 of the municipality's millage rate equivalent is made under AS 29.60.030 and a record  
 21 of the proceedings is maintained;

22 (3) a municipal budget has been adopted for the fiscal year during  
 23 which payment of an entitlement is authorized by AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080,  
 24 **29.60.100 - 29.60.120,** or **29.60.140 - 29.60.180,** [29.60.100 - 29.60.180] and an audit  
 25 or financial statement for the fiscal year preceding the year in which the department's  
 26 determination of the municipality's millage rate equivalent is made under  
 27 AS 29.60.030 has been prepared and furnished to the department in accordance with  
 28 AS 29.20.640(a); and

29 (4) local ordinances adopted by the municipality have been codified in  
 30 accordance with AS 29.25.050.

31 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 29.60.290(c) is amended to read:

1           (c) The department shall pay to each municipality eligible to receive a  
2           minimum payment under this section an amount equal to the difference between the  
3           minimum payment determined under (a) and (b) of this section and the sum of the  
4           amounts payable for the same fiscal year under AS 29.60.010 - 29.60.080, 29.60.100 -  
5           29.60.120, and 29.60.140 - 29.60.180 [29.60.100 - 29.60.180].

6           \* **Sec. 11.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.