

SENATE BILL NO. 334

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

BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS

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Referred: State Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring a separate appropriation bill for funding public education; providing**
2 **for an increase in the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of**
3 **public education; establishing a date by which the bill funding public education must be**
4 **transmitted to the governor; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 14.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 14.17.302. Appropriations for funding public education.** The
8 governor shall, before the fourth legislative day of each regular session, submit to the
9 legislature a separate appropriation bill limited to appropriations to carry out
10 AS 14.17.400 - 14.17.490 for the succeeding fiscal year. The legislature shall, by
11 April 1 of each year, pass and transmit to the governor a bill making appropriations to
12 carry out AS 14.17.400 - 14.17.490 for the succeeding fiscal year.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17.470 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation.** The base student allocation is

1 **\$4,500** [\$4,169].

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 37.07.020(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) The governor shall prepare a budget for the succeeding fiscal year that
4 must cover all estimated receipts, including all grants, loans, and money received from
5 the federal government and all proposed expenditures of the state government. The
6 budget shall be organized so that the proposed expenditures for each agency are
7 presented separately. The budget must be accompanied by the information required
8 under AS 37.07.050 and by the following separate bills: (1) an appropriation bill
9 authorizing the operating and capital expenditures of the state's integrated
10 comprehensive mental health program under AS 37.14.003(a); (2) an appropriation
11 bill authorizing state operating expenditures other than those included in the state's
12 integrated comprehensive mental health program **or in the bill funding public**
13 **education under AS 14.17.400 - 14.17.490;** (3) an appropriation bill authorizing
14 capital expenditures other than those included in the state's integrated comprehensive
15 mental health program; **(4) an appropriation bill funding public education under**
16 **AS 14.17.400 - 14.17.490;** and **(5)** [(4)] a bill or bills covering recommendations, if
17 any, in the budget for new or additional revenue. The budget for the succeeding fiscal
18 year and each of the bills shall become public information on December 15, at which
19 time the governor shall submit copies to the legislature and make copies available to
20 the public. The bills, identical in content to the copies released on December 15, shall
21 be delivered to the rules committee of each house before the fourth legislative day of
22 the next regular session for introduction.

23 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.