

**HOUSE BILL NO. 20**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVES SEATON, Chenault, Wilson**

**Introduced: 1/10/05**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to a separate appropriation bill for operating expenses for primary**  
2 **and secondary public education and establishing a date by which the bill must be**  
3 **transmitted to the governor each year; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

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

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

13 (a) The governor shall prepare a budget for the succeeding fiscal year that  
14 must cover all estimated receipts, including all grants, loans, and money received from

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

19 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2005.