

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to school district personnel and salary enhancement for teachers who
2 obtain master's degrees; supporting parental involvement in schools through
3 employment of parental involvement coordinators; establishing a supplemental income
4 tax on oil revenue to support school district personnel; and creating an account titled
5 'Resource Revenue for Kids' in the general fund."

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

7 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 14.03.118. Parental involvement coordinator.** (a) Each school district
9 shall employ at least two persons at the administrative office of the school district to
10 serve as parental involvement coordinators for the district. One of the parental
11 involvement coordinators employed under this subsection may be assigned clerical
12 and support duties related to parental involvement coordination. The district may also
13 employ clerical staff necessary to support the work of the parental involvement

1 coordinators.

2 (b) In addition to the parental involvement coordinators employed under (a) of
3 this section, each school district shall employ one person for each 500 students
4 enrolled in the district or one person for each public school located in the district,
5 whichever is greater, to perform work to enhance parental involvement in district
6 schools. The district may assign the persons employed under this subsection to schools
7 with the greatest need.

8 (c) The department shall distribute funds to each school district for the costs
9 associated with employment of parental involvement coordinators, clerical support for
10 parental involvement coordinators, and additional staff employed under (a) and (b) of
11 this section from funds appropriated by the legislature. If the appropriation is
12 insufficient to pay all eligible costs under this section, the department shall distribute
13 the available funds on a pro rata basis.

14 (d) The funding appropriated for the payment of parental involvement
15 coordination under this section is in addition to the base student allocation under
16 AS 14.17.470.

17 (e) A school district is required to comply with the requirements of (a) and (b)
18 of this section only to the extent that funds have been appropriated to cover the cost of
19 meeting those requirements.

20 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 **Sec. 14.17.485. Resource revenue for kids account.** The resource revenue for
22 kids account is created as an account in the general fund. The legislature may
23 appropriate funds in the account and interest accrued on those funds to the department
24 of education and early development for supporting parental involvement in schools
25 under AS 14.03.118, for providing salary incentives for highly trained teachers under
26 AS 14.20.221, or for any other public purpose.

27 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

28 **Sec. 14.20.221. Teacher salary bonus.** (a) A school district shall pay an
29 annual bonus of a minimum of \$5,000 to a teacher who is employed by the school
30 district full time for the school year and who teaches

31 (1) students in grades kindergarten through six and has acquired a

1 master's degree in general education; or

2 (2) seven through 12 and has acquired a master's degree in the specific
3 subject taught or a master's degree in education with an approved specialization in the
4 specific subject taught.

5 (b) The department shall distribute funds to school districts for payment of
6 teacher salary bonuses owed under this section from funds appropriated by the
7 legislature. If the appropriation is insufficient to pay all eligible teacher bonuses under
8 this section, the department shall distribute the available funds on a pro rata basis.

9 (c) The funding appropriated for the payment of teacher salary bonuses under
10 this section is in addition to the base student allocation under AS 14.17.470.

11 (d) A school district is required to comply with the requirements of (a) of this
12 section only to the extent that funds have been appropriated to cover the cost of
13 meeting those requirements.

14 (e) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given to "district" in
15 AS 14.17.990.

16 * **Sec. 4.** AS 43.20.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (g) In addition to the tax imposed under (e) of this section, a taxpayer engaged
18 in the production of oil from a lease or property in this state and whose business
19 income is subject to AS 43.20.072 shall pay an additional tax of one percent of the
20 taxpayer's taxable income. The department shall separately account for the revenue
21 obtained from the tax levied by this subsection in the account created under
22 AS 14.17.485.