

SENATE BILL NO. 131

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/16/18

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a separate appropriation bill for operating expenses for public**
2 **education and establishing a date by which the bill must be passed by the legislature and**
3 **transmitted to the governor each year; relating to the budget responsibilities of the**
4 **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 article 2 to read:

7 **Sec. 14.17.530. Appropriations for funding public education.** At the time
8 the governor submits the report under AS 37.07.060(b), the governor shall submit to
9 the legislature a separate appropriation bill limited to appropriations to carry out
10 AS 14.17.300 - 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 14.17.300 - 14.17.490 for the succeeding fiscal year.

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

14 (a) The governor shall prepare a budget for the succeeding fiscal year that

1 must cover all estimated receipts, including all grants, loans, and money received from
 2 the federal government and all proposed expenditures of the state government. The
 3 budget shall be organized so that the proposed expenditures for each agency are
 4 presented separately. The budget must be accompanied by the information required
 5 under AS 37.07.050 and by the following separate bills: (1) an appropriation bill
 6 authorizing the operating and capital expenditures of the state's integrated
 7 comprehensive mental health program under AS 37.14.003(a); (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 to carry out AS 14.17.300 - 14.17.490**; (3) an appropriation bill
 11 authorizing capital expenditures other than those included in the state's integrated
 12 comprehensive mental health program; **(4) an appropriation bill funding public**
 13 **education to carry out AS 14.17.300 - 14.17.490**; and **(5)** [(4)] a bill or bills covering
 14 recommendations, if any, in the budget for new or additional revenue. The budget for
 15 the succeeding fiscal year and each of the bills shall become public information on
 16 December 15, at which time the governor shall submit copies to the legislature and
 17 make copies available to the public. The bills, identical in content to the copies
 18 released on December 15, shall be delivered to the rules committee of each house
 19 before the fourth legislative day of the next regular session for introduction.

20 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2018.