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IN THE HOUSE

BY RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act permitting the State of Alaska to qualify for and to spend federal monies for increasing teachers' salaries, school construction and other educational purposes; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. DECLARATION OF INTENT. In the event that the United States Congress enacts legislation making federal monies available to the states for teachers' salaries, school construction and other educational purposes it is the desire of the legislature that the Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may require have sufficient flexibility in the use of monies appropriated to the Department of Education to meet all federal requirements for obtaining the full amount of federal monies which may be obtained by the state under such federal aid program.

Sec. 2. EXPENDITURE OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES. In the event the United States Congress enacts legislation when the legislature is not in session making monies available to the states for teachers' salaries the Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may require is authorized to accept and use part or all of the federal monies made available to the State of Alaska to increase teachers' salaries according to a minimum salary schedule to be arrived at

1 by the State Board of Education. The Governor or the State Board  
2 of Education as federal law may require is authorized to use  
3 monies appropriated by the legislature for teachers' salaries  
4 for matching purposes and is authorized to expend such federal  
5 monies so obtained for increased teachers' salaries in addition  
6 to state monies already appropriated for that purpose. Any  
7 modified state minimum salary schedule arrived at as a result of  
8 receiving federal monies may be put into effect by executive  
9 order signed by the Governor or by order of the State Board of  
10 Education whichever appears to be most proper under federal law.  
11 This minimum salary schedule shall be valid under such order  
12 until such time as it is altered or approved in full by the  
13 legislature. The term "teacher" for the purposes of this Act  
14 shall include teachers, school superintendents and other public  
15 school employees covered by the state minimum salary schedule  
16 who would be qualified to receive federal monies through the  
17 state.

18       Sec. 3. EXPENDITURE OF STATE AND FEDERAL MONIES FOR SCHOOL  
19 CONSTRUCTION. In the event the United States Congress enacts  
20 into law legislation making monies available to the state for  
21 school construction while the legislature is not in session the  
22 Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may  
23 require is authorized to accept and use such federal monies and  
24 to apply them to the cost of constructing and improving school  
25 buildings and facilities to the extent such construction and  
26 improvement is authorized by the legislature at the time federal  
27 monies become available. If a condition to receiving federal  
28 monies for school construction is that the state increase its  
29 expenditures for that purpose over expenditures authorized by

1 the legislature at the time federal monies become available the  
2 Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may  
3 require is authorized to use monies appropriated by the legis-  
4 lature for school construction for matching purposes and to make  
5 further federal monies available for school construction in  
6 addition to state monies already appropriated for that purpose.  
7 To the extent practicable expenditure of state and federal monies  
8 shall be limited to projects already programmed by the Department  
9 of Education and authorized by the legislature at the time  
10 federal monies become available.

11       Sec. 4. APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID GRANTED WITHOUT  
12 LIMITATION AS TO USE. In the event federal monies are made  
13 available to the state without limitation or restriction as to  
14 the educational purposes for which they may be spent or in the  
15 event the Federal Government permits the expenditure of such  
16 monies for alternative educational purposes, including payment of  
17 teachers' salaries, the Governor or the State Board of Education  
18 as the federal law may require is authorized to use whatever  
19 percentage of such monies not to exceed 50% thereof for increasing  
20 teachers' salaries in conformity with a minimum state salary  
21 schedule to be adopted by the State Board of Education. The  
22 Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may  
23 require is authorized to use the remainder of such monies to  
24 supplement existing educational programs.

25       Sec. 5. USE OF LINE ITEM APPROPRIATIONS FOR MATCHING  
26 PURPOSES. The Governor or the State Board of Education as the  
27 Federal law may require is authorized to direct the use of any  
28 state monies appropriated in any line item for the Department of  
29 Education to match federal monies which will be made available

1 to the state for substantially the same purpose or program as  
2 the monies appropriated by the line item at whatever matching  
3 ratio is established for such federal monies.

4       Sec. 6. CONSENT TO REASONABLE CONDITIONS. The Governor  
5 or the State Board of Education as the federal law may require  
6 is authorized to accept all reasonable conditions which may be  
7 required by the Federal Government as a condition to receiving  
8 federal monies for education purposes.

9       Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day  
10 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law  
11 without such approval.

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