

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing a four-year program of grants-in-
7 aid to organized boroughs for the construction of new
8 school buildings and facilities; and providing for an
9 effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) Beginning July 1, 1969, the Department
12 of Education shall administer a four-year program of state grants to be made
13 available to organized boroughs for the construction of new school buildings
14 and facilities, limited to elementary and secondary schools and facilities
15 of a primarily academic nature.

16 (b) Money made available by the state under this Act shall not be
17 utilized for the construction of vocational schools, gymnasiums, planetari-
18 ums, swimming pools or other facilities which are not primarily academic
19 facilities. However, this restriction shall not exclude aid for construc-
20 tion of shop facilities as part of an elementary or secondary school
21 building.

22 * Sec. 2. LOCAL SHARE REQUIRED. (a) Grants made under this Act shall
23 be equal to 50 per cent of the projected cost of the proposed building or
24 facility and shall be made only if the borough requesting the grant appropri-
25 ates the remaining 50 per cent of the projected costs of construction. As
26 a condition to awarding a grant the commissioner of education may require
27 the qualified voters of the borough concerned to approve bonds or other
28 sources of revenue to pay part or all of the local shares of the improve-
29 ments for which the grant is sought.

1 (b) No borough may receive more than 25 per cent of the money appropri-
2 ated by the legislature for the grant-in-aid program authorized by this Act.

3 * Sec. 3. APPLICATION. Grants shall be requested only by resolution of
4 the borough assembly directed to the commissioner of education. The resolu-
5 tion shall be supported by an application and supporting documents as the
6 commissioner may prescribe.

7 * Sec. 4. BASIS OF GRANT. Grants made under this Act shall be awarded
8 on the basis of need, as determined by the commissioner of education and
9 approved by the State Board of Education. The decision of the board shall
10 not be subject to judicial review. To determine need, both the adequacy of
11 existing buildings in terms of space, facilities, and physical condition and
12 the lack of ability of the borough to pay the full cost of the proposed im-
13 provements shall be evaluated.

14 * Sec. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT. The commissioner of education shall
15 require reports from boroughs to which grants-in-aid have been made under
16 the provisions of this Act. The reports shall include an accounting of
17 grant funds expended and other data as the commissioner considers necessary
18 to prescribe. The commissioner may prescribe additional requirements he
19 considers necessary governing administration of the grant-in-aid program.

20 * Sec. 6. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires July 1, 1973.

21 * Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 1969.

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