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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 535

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for full state support of local  
7 school district operating costs; and providing for  
8 an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 07.15.330(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) The school board shall submit the annual budget for the  
12 following school year to the commissioner of education by April 1 and  
13 to the assembly by April 1 for approval of the total amount. Within 30  
14 days after receipt of the budget the assembly shall determine the total  
15 amount of money to be made available from local sources for school  
16 purposes, and shall furnish the school board with a statement of the  
17 sum to be made available. If the assembly does not, within 30 days,  
18 furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available  
19 the amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. Not later  
20 than May 31, the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made avail-  
21 able from local sources from money available for the purpose. Beginning  
22 July 1 the Department of Education shall pay to the board in four equal  
23 quarterly installments a sum equal to the amount appropriated by the  
24 assembly under this subsection, except that

25 (1) the sum paid shall not exceed the amount which is  
26 approved by the assembly for expenditure by the board and is exclusive  
27 of amounts approved for capital improvements or debt service relating  
28 to schools; and

29 (2) the sum paid may be reduced by the commissioner in

2 accordance with a statement of recommended operating budget amount  
3 which he may furnish to the board and the assembly at any time before  
4 April 25; the statement shall be based on a state school support plan  
5 previously developed by the commissioner from foundation program  
6 formulas under AS 14.17 and such financial and other information he  
7 requires from a district or otherwise develops; the school support  
8 plan shall identify and estimate for each borough and city district  
9 the cost of providing an adequate level of public elementary and  
10 secondary education within the district commensurate with the level  
11 of education provided in other districts;

12 (3) nothing in (2) of this subsection affects the payments  
13 required to be made to a school district under the Public School  
14 Foundation Program (AS 14.17).

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 07.15.330 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (k) The provisions of (d) of this section may not be construed  
17 so as to create a debt of the state. If funds appropriated for the  
18 purpose of allocations under (d) of this section are insufficient to  
19 meet the full amount of allocations authorized, such funds as are  
20 available shall be distributed pro rata among the local school districts.

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.12.020(c) is amended to read:

22 (c) The department shall provide the state money necessary to  
23 maintain and operate the state-operated school district. The borough  
24 assembly for a borough school district, and the city council for a  
25 city school district, shall appropriate [PROVIDE] the money which must  
26 be raised from local sources to maintain and operate the district, but  
27 the amount appropriated may be paid to the district in accordance with  
28 AS 07.15.330(d) and (k).

29 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1970.