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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 819

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a program of state aid for
7 school construction within borough and city school
8 districts; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The legislature intends by this Act to insure
11 that local school districts can provide for at least minimum construction
12 needs on an equalized basis so as to insure an adequate level of education
13 for public elementary and secondary students of the district. The legis-
14 lature contemplates that districts, consistently with their resources, will
15 expend funds to augment the basic program of school construction aid
16 authorized under this Act.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

18 CHAPTER 18. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

19 Sec. 14.18.100. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUND. There is in the
20 department a school construction grant fund. Funds appropriated by
21 the legislature for school construction aid under this section shall
22 be deposited in the fund.

23 Sec. 14.18.110. AID FORMULA. (a) Within the limits of state
24 appropriations available for the purpose, an organized borough or a
25 city which is a school district is entitled to state aid to be used
26 solely for costs of school construction incurred by contract made
27 after July 1, 1970 in accordance with the following formula and other
28 provisions of this chapter:

29 Number of Unhoused Pupils Total Allowable Area

	(to nearest maximum)	(in square feet)
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2	(1) Secondary Schools	
3	100	21,667
4	200	29,492
5	300	38,614
6	400	46,576
7	500	58,853
8	600	68,612
9	800	93,614
10	1,000	112,950
11	Multiples of 100	112,950 plus 11,295 for each
12	over 1,000	multiple of 100 in unhoused
13		pupils
14	(2) Elementary Schools	
15	20	1,404
16	40	3,361
17	100	6,840
18	150	13,156
19	200	16,792
20	250	22,070
21	300	25,328
22	350	28,046
23	400	31,520
24	450	34,007
25	500	40,684
26	550	43,674
27	600	46,660
28	Multiples of	46,660 plus 4,666 for each
29	50 over 600	multiple of 50 in unhoused

pupils

(b) The department shall provide for cost schedules showing fair costs of school construction per square foot prevailing in each district and shall determine the authorized payment to districts by multiplying the allowable area in square feet by the prevailing fair cost of construction per square foot and multiplying the result by 60 per cent of the index factor for equalizing school aid prescribed under AS 14.17.021.

Sec. 14.18.120. REGULATIONS. The department shall prescribe by regulation the times of payment of the sum allocated to a district and shall require an accounting of money allocated in a form and at such times as the department determines. The department may adopt other regulations necessary to administer the aid program.

Sec. 14.18.130. LIMITATIONS. (a) State aid authorized under this chapter shall not be allocated for costs of school construction which are funded by the state under other provisions of law.

(b) School aid authorized under this chapter shall not be allocated for replacement of an existing school unless

(1) the school is condemned for reasons of health or safety by the state; or

(2) the department, under regulations submitted to the legislature for its rejection or approval at least 30 days before taking effect, authorizes for other reasons aid for replacement of an existing school.

(c) The department shall not make payment of aid authorized under this section unless a district applying for aid submits evidence satisfactory to the department of the total number of unhoused pupils within the district.

(d) Nothing in this chapter prevents a borough or city which is a school district from providing for school construction in excess of

1 the allowable space or state aid limits of this chapter.

2 Sec. 14.18.140. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The department shall
3 provide an annual report to the legislature respecting grants made
4 under this section.

5 Sec. 14.18.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

6 (1) "costs of school construction" means the cost of initial-
7 ly acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing public elementary
8 or secondary schools, whether as independent structures or addition of
9 schools to existing schools; the term includes but is not limited to
10 legal, engineering, fiscal, architectural and other fees of specialists
11 or consultants and building costs for labor, materials, equipment and
12 supplies, but excludes costs of acquisition of sites for schools and
13 costs of retirement of principal and interest of bonds, notes or other
14 indebtedness issued or incurred for school purposes;

15 (2) "existing school facilities" means publicly owned
16 facilities in use as school buildings and having continuous use for
17 classroom purposes; the term excludes basement rooms, hallways, or
18 other space the use of which for school purposes, in view of their
19 character, inaccessibility or other equally cogent reason, seriously
20 prejudices the educational objective or impairs or will impair the
21 health or safety of pupils;

22 (3) "unhoused pupils" means the number of pupils estimated
23 to be in average daily membership in excess of the total capacities
24 of all existing school facilities, including but not limited to facili-
25 ties held under a lease-purchase agreement and schools in design or
26 construction which have been funded, as of January 1 two years following
27 the close of the fiscal year in which state aid is sought under this
28 chapter.

29 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1970.