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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 183

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 program of grants-in-aid to  
7 borough and city school districts for the construction  
8 of school buildings and facilities; and providing for  
9 an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

12 CHAPTER 18. GRANTS FOR DISTRICT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

13 Sec. 14.18.010. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall imple-  
14 ment a program of state grants to be made available to borough and  
15 city school districts for the construction of school buildings and  
16 facilities, limited to elementary and secondary schools and facilities  
17 of a primarily academic nature.

18 (b) Money appropriated by the legislature for purposes of this  
19 chapter and sec. 2 of this Act may not be utilized for the construction  
20 of vocational schools, planetariums, swimming pools or other facilities  
21 which are not primarily academic facilities. However, this restriction  
22 does not exclude aid for construction of gymnasium or shop facilities  
23 as part of an elementary or secondary school building.

24 Sec. 14.18.020. LOCAL SHARE REQUIRED. (a) Grants made under  
25 this chapter shall be equal to 50 per cent of the projected cost of the  
26 proposed building or facility and shall be made only if the governing  
27 body of the borough or city requesting the grant appropriates the re-  
28 maining 50 per cent of the projected costs of construction. As a  
29 condition to awarding a grant the commissioner of education may require

1 the qualified voters of the borough or city concerned to approve bonds  
2 or other sources of revenue to pay part or all of the local share of  
3 the improvements for which the grant is sought.

4 (b) No borough or city school district may receive during a  
5 particular fiscal year more than 25 per cent of the money appropriated  
6 for that fiscal year for the grant-in-aid program authorized by this  
7 chapter and sec. 2 of this Act.

8 Sec. 14.18.030. APPLICATION. Grants shall be requested only by  
9 resolution of the governing body of an eligible borough or city  
10 directed to the commissioner of education. The resolution shall be  
11 supported by an application and supporting documents as the commis-  
12 sioner may prescribe.

13 Sec. 14.18.040. BASIS OF GRANT. Grants made under this chapter  
14 shall be awarded to school districts on the basis of need, as determined  
15 by the commissioner of education and approved by the State Board of  
16 Education. The decision of the board is not subject to judicial  
17 review. To determine need, both the adequacy of existing buildings in  
18 terms of space, facilities, and physical condition and the lack of  
19 ability of the school district to pay the full cost of the proposed  
20 improvements shall be evaluated.

21 Sec. 14.18.050. ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT. The commissioner of  
22 education shall require reports from school districts to which grants  
23 have been made under the provisions of this chapter. The reports shall  
24 include an accounting of grant funds expended and other data as the  
25 commissioner considers necessary to prescribe. The commissioner may  
26 prescribe additional requirements he considers necessary governing  
27 administration of the grant-in-aid program.

28 Sec. 14.18.060. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUND. There is in the  
29 Department of Education a school construction grant fund. Money

1           appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this chapter and  
2           sec. 2 of this Act shall be deposited in the fund. The Department of  
3           Revenue is custodian of the fund.

4           \* Sec. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ALREADY AUTHORIZED. (a) Sub-  
5           ject to (b) of this section, if a school district awarded contracts for  
6           construction of a school building or facility which, in the determination  
7           of the commissioner, would have qualified for a grant-in-aid for projected  
8           construction under sec. 1 of this Act, the district is entitled to reim-  
9           bursement for all such buildings and facilities equal to

10                   (1) 25 per cent of the actual costs of construction of a building  
11           or facility begun after July 1, 1968 and before an application for grant-in-  
12           aid has been made under sec. 1 of this Act, and

13                   (2) 12 1/2 per cent of the actual costs of construction of a  
14           building or facility begun after July 1, 1967.

15           (b) Applications for and administration of grants under this section  
16           shall be governed by the same requirements as provided for grants under  
17           AS 14.18.030 and AS 14.18.050.

18           \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1969.  
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