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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH

2 SENATE BILL NO. 501

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the education of exceptional  
7 children."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 14.30.285 is repealed.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 14.30.287. EXCEPTIONAL PUPILS WITHIN THE STATE. (a) An  
12 exceptional child may be sent to another school district, with the  
13 consent of the district, or state-operated school if the child resides  
14 in a district or school attendance area where there is no provision  
15 for classes or the special education class is not appropriate for the  
16 needs of the child.

17 (b) If a school district, or the commissioner if a state-operated  
18 school, approves the enrollment of an exceptional child in another  
19 school district or state-operated school approved by the commissioner,  
20 and the child is enrolled in the institution, the child's education  
21 expenses shall be paid for as follows:

22 (1) the school district or the Department of Education shall  
23 pay the receiving district an amount of money equal to the receiving  
24 district's cost per special education pupil;

25 (2) the Department of Education shall pay the remainder of  
26 the annual cost of the child's education above that provided for in  
27 (b)(1) of this section.

28 (c) For the purposes of this section a child's education expenses  
29 are limited to the cost of the pupil's annual transportation to and

from his destination and the actual cost of necessary care, including room and board, while attending the designated institution.

\* Sec. 3. AS 14.30.295(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) the Department of Education shall pay whichever of the following amounts is less, but not to exceed \$6,000 [\$3,000]:

(A) 75 per cent of the annual cost of the child's education; or

(B) an amount which, when added to the contribution in (b)(1) of this section, equals the total cost of the child's education;

\* Sec. 4. AS 14.30.295(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) the parent or guardian shall pay the remainder of the cost unless [THE SCHOOL BOARD OR] the commissioner [, IF A STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL,] determines upon the basis of standards set by the commissioner of education in cooperation with the Department of Health and Welfare, that the parent or guardian is unable to pay all or part of the remainder of the cost. The [SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE] Department of Education [, IF A STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL,] shall pay the remainder of the cost which the parent or guardian is unable to pay.