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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE  
ON PRE-HIGHER EDUCATION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 495

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for state aid to unincorporated  
7 communities; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 43.18 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 5. UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.

11 Sec. 43.18.500. STATE AID TO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. (a)

12 During each fiscal year the state shall pay to unincorporated communities  
13 or group of communities, whether in an organized or in the unorganized  
14 borough, \$1,500 per community or \$15 per capita, whichever is greater,  
15 for the purpose of encouraging communities to ascertain priorities for  
16 future community development and to plan for the provision of future  
17 local governmental organization and services. Payments made under this  
18 section shall be separate from and in addition to any other state aid  
19 for which the community or group of communities may be eligible.

20 (b) Payment shall be made to nonprofit corporations, associa-  
21 tions or traditional councils organized in eligible communities certi-  
22 fying to the department that their membership is open to and broadly  
23 representative of all the residents of the community or group of  
24 communities certifying that their intent is to carry out the purposes  
25 of this section. If two or more communities apply as a group, the  
26 total payment which the group is eligible to receive shall be the same  
27 as if the communities had applied separately.

28 (c) State aid payable under this section may be paid for a period  
29 of three years upon annual application following date of receipt and

1 approval of certification by the department or until a community or  
2 group of communities is incorporated as a city or borough in accordance  
3 with AS 29.18.010 - 29.18.200, whichever comes first. However, the  
4 department may pay the council of an incorporated city or the assembly  
5 of an organized borough in the year of the city's or borough's incor-  
6 poration the amount which the nonprofit corporation or association  
7 would have received.

8 (d) Funds received by the nonprofit designee in an unincorporated  
9 community or group of communities may be expended for any purpose for  
10 which the designee has authority to expend funds consistent with the  
11 purposes of this section.

12 (e) Nonprofit designees receiving funds under this section shall  
13 file with the department a report generally stating the purposes for  
14 which the funds were expended. Compliance with these reporting require-  
15 ments is a prerequisite to receipt of state aid under this section.  
16 The state shall withhold state aid payments until the reporting require-  
17 ments are complied with. The department shall establish standard appli-  
18 cation and reporting forms to meet requirements of this section.

19 (f) The department shall promulgate regulations to carry out the  
20 purposes of this section.

21 (g) In this section

22 (1) "department" means the Department of Community and  
23 Regional Affairs;

24 (2) "unincorporated community" means a community not incor-  
25 porated as a city of the first or second class or as a borough of the  
26 first, second or third class under AS 29 and having a permanent resi-  
27 dent population of 25 or more.

28 Sec. 43.18.510. UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-  
29 TION AND SERVICES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED. The unincorporated communities

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governmental organization and services account is established. Funds to carry out the provisions of sec. 500 of this chapter may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose of each community's share authorized under sec. 500 of this chapter, those funds that are available shall be distributed pro rata among eligible communities or groups of communities.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1974.