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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 225

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state aid for public education;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.08.121 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.08.121. FUNDING. (a) The legislature shall fund the
11 operation of the regional educational attendance area schools in the
12 following manner:

13 (1) the amount of basic need as defined in AS 14.17.021(b),
14 reduced by deducting, to the maximum extent permitted under sec.
15 5(d)(2) of P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 240(d)) and the regula-
16 tions adopted under it (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), the amount of the
17 regional educational attendance area's entitlement to federal financial
18 assistance under P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 236 - 244) for
19 the prior fiscal year; [AND]

20 (2) an additional amount equal to the average local tax
21 contributions per pupil in average daily membership (ADM) for school
22 operating costs in the city and borough school districts in the prior
23 fiscal year; and

24 (3) the amount determined by the commissioner under AS 14.-
25 17.045 for funding of small school units of the regional educational
26 attendance area.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 14.17.021(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The amount of state aid for which each school district may
29 qualify is calculated by multiplying the basic need as defined in (b)

1 of this section plus the amount determined by the commissioner under
 2 sec. 45 of this chapter by the equalized percentage as defined in (c)
 3 of this section. To the maximum extent permitted under Section 5(d)(2)
 4 of P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 240(d)) and the regulations
 5 adopted under it (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), the amount of state aid
 6 shall be reduced by the amount of the school district's entitlement to
 7 federal financial assistance under P.L. 81-874, as amended, (20 U.S.C.
 8 236 - 244), for the prior fiscal year.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 14.17.041(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Elementary and secondary schools in districts with ADM under
 11 1,000:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
[UNDER 10	1
10 - 20	2]
21 - 32	3
33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5
63 - 80	6
81 - 999	6 plus 1 for each 18 pupils or fraction of 18.

21 * Sec. 4. AS 14.17.041(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) Elementary and secondary schools in districts with ADM of
 23 1,000 or over:

ADM	No. Instructional Units
[UNDER 10	1
10 - 20	2]
21 - 32	3
33 - 46	4
47 - 62	5

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63 - 80	6
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100 - 3005	7 plus 1 for each 19 pupils or fraction of 19
3006 and over	160 plus 1 for each 23 pupils or fraction of 23 <u>until June 30, 1978.</u> <u>Beginning July 1, 1978 the number</u> <u>shall be computed as 160 plus 1 for</u> <u>each 21 pupils or fraction of 21.</u>

* Sec. 5. AS 14.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.17.045. FUNDING OF SMALL SCHOOL UNITS. (a) State aid for a secondary school with average daily membership (ADM) of 20 students or less, or for any school with ADM of 20 students or less which is in a remote area, shall be determined by the commissioner annually on an approved program basis.

(b) School districts and regional educational attendance areas seeking funding under this section shall file an application with the commissioner by September 30 of the prior fiscal year which contains the following:

(1) a statement of comparability, describing the program to be offered and showing that it is comparable to similar programs in other schools operated by the district or area; and

(2) a school budget for each program for which funding under this section is sought, indicating the proposed salaries, supplies equipment, furnishings, and operation and maintenance of plant and general administrative expenditures required to support the program.

(c) The commissioner shall complete his review of each district's and area's application for funding under this section before December 1 of the prior fiscal year and either approve the application as sub-

mitted, approve it with specific modifications, or disapprove it and return it to the district or area for additional information and budget justification.

* Sec. 6. AS 14.17.051 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.17.051. INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT ALLOTMENT. The instructional unit allotment for each school district or regional educational attendance area is as follows:

(1) for Gateway Borough School District, City and Borough of Juneau School District, and Anchorage School District, the district is entitled to receive the base instructional unit allotment;

(2) for Annette Island School District, Southeast School District, Petersburg City School District, Wrangell City School District, Sitka Borough School District, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 104 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(3) for Craig City School District, Hydaburg City School District, Klawock City School District, Kake City School District, Chatham School District, Haines Borough School District, Hoonah City School District, Skagway City School District, and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 108 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(4) for Pelican City School District, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Nenana City School District, North Star Borough School District, Delta School District, Alaska Gateway School District, and Upper Railbelt Regional School District, the district or area is entitled to receive 112 per cent of the base instructional unit allotment;

(5) for Copper River School District, Cordova City School District, and Valdez City School District, the district or area is

1 entitled to to receive 115 per cent of the base instructional unit
2 allotment;

3 (6) for Yakutat City School District and Chugach School
4 District, the district or area is entitled to receive 120 per cent of
5 the base instructional unit allotment;

6 (7) for Adak Regional School District and Pribilof Islands
7 School District, the area is entitled to receive 135 per cent of the
8 base instructional unit allotment;

9 (8) for Yukon Flats School District, Aleutian Chain School
10 District, King Cove City School District and Unalaska City School
11 District, the district or area is entitled to receive 145 per cent of
12 the base instructional unit allotment;

13 (9) for Dillingham City School District, Bristol Bay Borough
14 School District, Southwest Regional School District, Lake Peninsula
15 School District, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Galena City School
16 District, Kuspuk School District, Yukon-Koyukuk School District,
17 Northwest Arctic School District, Selawik City School District, Nome
18 City School District, Bering Straits School District, Iditarod Area
19 School District, North Slope Borough School District, Lower Yukon
20 School District and St. Mary's City School District, the district or
21 area is entitled to receive 150 per cent of the base instructional
22 unit allotment.

23 * Sec. 7. In implementing AS 14.17.045, as enacted by sec. 5 of this
24 Act, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1977, the commissioner shall
25 require that the school districts and regional educational attendance areas
26 seeking funding for that fiscal year file their applications by September 1,
27 1977. The commissioner shall complete his review of the applications by
28 October 15, 1977.

29 * Sec. 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 14.17.051, as re-enacted

1 by sec. 6 of this Act, the value of the instructional unit allotment for
2 any school district or regional educational attendance area is not less
3 than it would have been for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 if sec.
4 6 of this Act had not been enacted.

5 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.
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