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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Legislative Regional Educa-
7 tional Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee as a
8 permanent interim committee of the legislature, and
9 defining its powers and duties; and providing for an
10 effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 5. LEGISLATIVE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL
14 ATTENDANCE AREA BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

15 Sec. 24.20.600. LEGISLATIVE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE AREA
16 BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. The Legislative Regional
17 Educational Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee is established
18 as a permanent interim committee of the legislature.

19 Sec. 24.20.605. ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE. (a) The committee is
20 composed of six members. Three members shall be members of the house
21 of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house. Three mem-
22 bers shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the
23 senate. At least one member from the house of representatives shall
24 represent an election district in which more than 10 percent of the
25 registered voters are qualified to vote in elections for regional
26 school board members under AS 14.08.071. At least one member from the
27 senate shall represent a senate district in which more than 10 percent
28 of the registered voters are qualified to vote in elections for region-
29 al school board members under AS 14.08.071.

1 (b) The membership of the committee from each house shall include
2 at least one member from each of the two major political parties.

3 (c) The committee shall organize within 15 days after the organi-
4 zation of each legislature. A member of the committee serves for the
5 duration of the legislature during which he is appointed. If a member
6 is reelected or his term of office extends into the next succeeding
7 legislature, he continues to serve until he is reappointed or until his
8 successor is appointed.

9 (d) The committee shall select a chairman from among its members.
10 The chairmanship of the committee shall alternate between a member
11 appointed from the house of representatives and a member appointed from
12 the senate. The chairman shall serve for the duration of the legisla-
13 ture during which he is selected.

14 (e) If a member of the committee files a declaration of candidacy
15 for an elective office other than that of a member of the legislature
16 and he has not resigned his membership on the committee, his committee
17 membership terminates on the date he files for the elective office.

18 (f) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the
19 presiding officer of the house from which the vacancy is incurred shall
20 choose a successor to serve as a member of the committee for the unex-
21 pired portion of the term of the member first appointed.

22 Sec. 24.20.610. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The committee
23 may meet during sessions of the legislature and during the interim
24 between legislative sessions. The committee may meet at any time and
25 in any place in the state as the chairman of the committee determines.

26 (b) A member of the committee may receive, for the minimum time
27 required to travel to and return from meetings of the committee and for
28 the time while attending meetings, the same travel and per diem allow-
29 ances provided by law for members of the legislature while attending

1 sessions of the legislature. However, members of the committee may not
2 receive a per diem allowance for attending a meeting which is held at
3 the state capital while the legislature is in session other than the
4 per diem allowance paid to legislators under AS 24.15.010.

5 Sec. 24.20.615. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The
6 committee shall

7 (1) organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its busi-
8 ness, and prescribe procedures for its work;

9 (2) review appropriations requested by the Department of
10 Education for the operating expenses of regional educational attendance
11 areas;

12 (3) review appropriations requested by the Department of
13 Education and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
14 for capital improvements for regional educational attendance areas;

15 (4) recommend to the legislature annual appropriations for
16 regional educational attendance areas so as to assure that the amounts
17 appropriated for regional educational attendance areas are equitable
18 and consistent with amounts appropriated for city and borough school
19 districts.

20 (b) The committee may

21 (1) hold public hearings, administer oaths, issue subpoenas,
22 compel the attendance of witnesses and production of papers, books,
23 accounts, documents, and testimony, and have the deposition of wit-
24 nesses taken in a manner prescribed by court rule or law for taking
25 depositions in civil actions;

26 (2) require state officials and agencies of state government
27 and officers and members of school boards of regional educational
28 attendance areas to give full cooperation to the committee in assemb-
29 ling and furnishing requested information;

1 (3) present information concerning appropriations for re-
2 gional educational attendance areas to the finance committees of the
3 house of representatives and senate;

4 (4) work with the Department of Education to review appro-
5 priation requests and the expenditure of state money; and

6 (5) travel to regional educational attendance area schools
7 to inspect facilities and to consult with officers and employees of
8 regional educational attendance area school boards.

9 Sec. 24.20.620. DEFINITIONS. In AS 24.20.600 - 24.20.620,

10 (1) "committee" means the Legislative Regional Educational
11 Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee established under AS 24.20.-
12 600;

13 (2) "regional educational attendance area" means the educa-
14 tional service areas established in the unorganized borough under
15 AS 14.08.031.

16 * Sec. 2. CONVENING OF FIRST LEGISLATIVE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE
17 AREA BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The members of the Legislative Regional
18 Educational Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee first appointed under
19 AS 24.20.605(a), added by sec. 1 of this Act, shall be appointed within 15
20 days after the effective date of this Act.

21 * Sec. 3. DESIGNATION OF FIRST CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATIVE REGIONAL EDUCA-
22 TIONAL ATTENDANCE AREA BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The chairman of the
23 Legislative Regional Educational Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee
24 first selected under AS 24.20.605(d), added by sec. 1 of this Act, shall be
25 a member appointed by the president of the senate.

26 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
27 10.070(c).
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