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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the present system  
10 of providing assistance to school systems should be studied for modifica-  
11 tion and improvement. The legislature further finds that during the period  
12 of study an alternative mechanism to the existing foundation support system  
13 is desirable.

14 \* Sec. 2. There is created the Foundation Funding Policy Council to  
15 study alternatives to the existing foundation support system. The Founda-  
16 tion Funding Policy Council consists of seven persons: the chairperson of  
17 the Senate Health, Education, and Social Services Committee, the chairper-  
18 son of the House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee, and the  
19 following persons to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and  
20 the President of the Senate: the executive director of the Alaska School  
21 Board Association, an education analyst from the Office of Management and  
22 Budget, a fiscal analyst from the Department of Education, the president of  
23 the state board of education, and the executive director of the Alaska  
24 Council of School Administrators.

25 \* Sec. 3. The Foundation Funding Policy Council shall report its find-  
26 ings and recommendations to the governor and to the legislature no later  
27 than February 1, 1984.

28 \* Sec. 4. The operation of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, 14.17.023,  
29 14.17.031(a), (b), (c), and (e), 14.17.041, 14.17.051, 14.17.056,

1 14.17.082, 14.17.160, 14.17.180, 14.17.225(b), and the provision of  
2 14.17.170 that requires the withholding of one-half of the June payment of  
3 state aid pending a final determination of each school district's state aid  
4 is suspended from July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984. During the period  
5 of suspension, the provisions of AS 14.17.031(d) remain in effect except  
6 that the number of students in average daily membership in each school  
7 district shall be used instead of instructional units to calculate  
8 reductions in state aid. During the period of suspension, funding for the  
9 basic state aid and supplemental equalization aid that otherwise would have  
10 been provided under the provisions of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, and  
11 14.17.023 shall be provided to school districts and for centralized corre-  
12 spondence study in accordance with the provisions of sec. 5 of this Act.

13 \* Sec. 5. For fiscal year 1984 the amount of state aid for each school  
14 district and for centralized correspondence study is the following amount,  
15 subject to adjustment under AS 14.17.021(b), for each pupil in average  
16 daily membership less any aid overpaid as determined by the commissioner of  
17 education:

18	Anchorage School District	\$ 3,310
19	Bristol Bay Borough School District	9,732
20	Cordova City School District	5,029
21	Craig City School District	6,734
22	Dillingham City School District	8,673
23	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	3,688
24	Galena City School District	9,995
25	Haines Borough School District	6,345
26	Hoonah City School District	6,224
27	Hydaburg City School District	9,163
28	City and Borough of Juneau School District	3,622
29	Kake City School District	7,109

1	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	3,900
2	Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District	3,399
3	King Cove City School District	9,376
4	Klawock City School District	7,417
5	Kodiak Island School District	5,488
6	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	3,504
7	Nenana City School District	10,507
8	Nome City School District	7,165
9	North Slope Borough School District	9,202
10	Pelican City School District	12,438
11	Petersburg City School District	4,049
12	Sand Point City School District	8,283
13	Sitka Borough School District	3,711
14	Skagway City School District	5,379
15	St. Mary's City School District	14,946
16	Tanana School District	13,361
17	Unalaska City School District	8,210
18	Valdez City School District	4,786
19	Wrangell City School District	4,726
20	Yakutat City School District	7,749
21	Adak Regional School District	6,643
22	Alaska Gateway School District	8,639
23	Aleutian Chain School District	16,674
24	Annette Island School District	6,572
25	Bering Straits School District	12,197
26	Chatham School District	8,682
27	Chugach School District	11,758
28	Copper River School District	7,178
29	Delta School District	5,915

1	Iditarod Area School District	14,972
2	Kuspuk School District	16,376
3	Lake and Peninsula School District	15,476
4	Lower Kuskokwim School District	11,033
5	Lower Yukon School District	9,864
6	Northwest Arctic School District	10,387
7	Pribilof Islands School District	11,475
8	Upper Railbelt Regional School District	9,551
9	Southeast Island School District	9,665
10	Southwest Regional School District	13,305
11	Yukon Flats School District	15,498
12	Yukon Koyukuk School District	13,191
13	Central Correspondence	2,508

14 \* Sec. 6. The Commissioner shall determine the state aid for each  
15 school district on the basis of the reports submitted under AS 14.17.170  
16 for fiscal year 1983. Beginning July 15 of the fiscal year, and on the  
17 15th of each month, for seven successive months, 1/12th of each district's  
18 state aid shall be distributed.

19 \* Sec. 7. Appropriations made for fiscal year 1984 for supplemental  
20 programs under AS 14.17.061(a) may be used only for average daily member-  
21 ship increases beyond the average daily membership reported by school  
22 districts under AS 14.17.170 for fiscal year 1983. If the amount appro-  
23 priated for fiscal year 1984 is insufficient to meet the average daily  
24 membership allocations authorized under sec. 5 of this Act with respect to  
25 the increased average daily membership, the available funds shall be dis-  
26 tributed on a pro rata basis among the school districts with increases in  
27 average daily membership.

28 \* Sec. 8. During the period of suspension under sec. 4 of this Act, a  
29 school district shall continue to provide services to students in programs

1 of bilingual, special, and vocational education commensurate with the needs  
2 of the students and in strict accordance with applicable state and federal  
3 laws and regulations.

4 \* Sec. 9. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.