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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 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. AS 43.18.100(a)(4) is amended to read:

10 (4) subject to (h) and (i) of this section up to 90 percent
11 of

12 (A) payments made by the municipality during the
13 current fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest
14 on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after
15 December 31, 1981, and before July 1, 1983, to pay costs of
16 school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilita-
17 tion projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.-
18 07.020(11); and

19 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1982, and before
20 July 1, 1983, by the municipality during the fiscal year two
21 years earlier to pay costs of school construction, additions to
22 schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000
23 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11).

24 * Sec. 2. AS 43.18.100(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (5) subject to (h) and (i) of this section, 50 percent of
26 (A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal
27 year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding
28 bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1983
29 to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and

1 major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are ap-
2 proved under AS 14.07.020(11); and

3 (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1983 by the
4 municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay
5 costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major
6 rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved
7 under AS 14.07.020(11).

8 * Sec. 3. AS 43.18.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (j) The state may not allocate money to a municipality for a
10 school construction project under (a)(5) of this section unless the
11 project is approved by the commissioner before the local vote on the
12 bond issue for the project. In approving a project under this sub-
13 section, the commissioner shall require

14 (1) the municipality to include on the ballot for the bond
15 issue the total cost of each project and the amounts that will be paid
16 by the state and by the municipality;

17 (2) that the bonds may not be redeemed before expiration
18 and must be repaid in equal payments over a period of at least 15
19 years;

20 (3) the municipality to demonstrate need for the project by
21 factors such as increased enrollment in the school district, the
22 health and safety of the students, and the factors listed in AS 14.-
23 11.010(c).

24 * Sec. 4. The provisions of AS 14.17 notwithstanding, the number of
25 instructional units and amount of supplemental equalization aid within each
26 school district and correspondence study for the purpose of calculating the
27 amount of basic state aid for the public school foundation program for
28 fiscal year 1984 is equal to the revised number of instructional units and
29 amount of supplemental equalization aid within each school district and

1 correspondence study for fiscal year 1983 subject to the exception provided
2 in secs. 5 and 7 of this Act.

3 * Sec. 5. The provision of AS 14.17.250(9) notwithstanding, a junior
4 high school program in a school district with a total average daily member-
5 ship of 250 or more may not be used separately to calculate the number of
6 instructional units within a school district for fiscal year 1984 unless
7 the junior high school program is housed in its own separate facility and
8 has an average daily membership of 50 or more or has a separate administra-
9 tion which was in place before 1983 school year. The reductions required
10 by this section are subject to the reduction schedule contained in
11 AS 14.17.031(d).

12 * Sec. 6. The commissioner of education shall recommend to the legisla-
13 ture a method of revising and improving the public school foundation pro-
14 gram no later than January 9, 1984. If the commissioner of education has
15 not made recommendations to the legislature by January 9, 1984, the pro-
16 visions of AS 14.17 notwithstanding, the amount of basic state aid to each
17 school district and regional educational attendance area under the public
18 school foundation program as calculated by fiscal year 1984 revised in-
19 structional unit calculations, beginning in fiscal year 1985, shall be
20 adjusted and identified in January 1984 to reflect the changes in the
21 Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the Anchorage Metropolitan
22 Area compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department
23 of Labor in January 1984, for the preceding twelve-month period. The index
24 for January 1983 is the reference base index.

25 * Sec. 7. The provisions of AS 14.17 notwithstanding, the number of
26 instructional units and amount of supplemental equalization aid for which a
27 school district or correspondence study program is eligible under the
28 public school foundation program for fiscal year 1984 may be increased over
29 the amount of aid for fiscal year 1983 only for increases in enrollment or

1 the opening of new school sites. As reflected in the FY 84 revised founda-
2 tion report. If the amount appropriated for the public school foundation
3 program for fiscal year 1984 is insufficient to meet the amount permitted
4 by this Act, the available funds shall be distributed on a pro rata basis
5 among all school districts.

6 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
7 10.070(c).