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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 147 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH 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. The operation of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, 14.17.023,
10 14.17.031(a), (b), (c), and (e), 14.17.041, 14.17.051, 14.17.056, 14.17.-
11 082, 14.17.160, 14.17.180, 14.17.225(b), and the provision of 14.17.170
12 that requires the withholding of one-half of the June payment of state aid
13 pending a final determination of each school district's state aid is sus-
14 pended from July 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986. During the period of
15 suspension, the provisions of AS 14.17.031(d) remain in effect except that
16 the number of students in average daily membership in each school district
17 shall be used instead of instructional units to calculate reductions in
18 state aid. During the period of suspension, funding for the basic state
19 aid and supplemental equalization aid that otherwise would have been pro-
20 vided under the provisions of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, and 14.17.023
21 shall be provided to school districts and for centralized correspondence
22 study in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

23 * Sec. 2. (a) For fiscal year 1986 the amount of state aid for each
24 school district and for centralized correspondence study is the following
25 amount, subject to adjustment under AS 14.17.021(b), for each pupil in
26 average daily membership, less any aid overpaid as determined by the com-
27 missioner of education:

28	Anchorage School District	\$ 3,442
29	Bristol Bay Borough School District	10,121

1	Cordova City School District	5,230
2	Craig City School District	7,581
3	Dillingham City School District	9,020
4	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	3,836
5	Galena City School District	10,395
6	Haines Borough School District	6,599
7	Hoonah City School District	6,473
8	Hydaburg City School District	9,530
9	City and Borough of Juneau School District	3,767
10	Kake City School District	7,393
11	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	4,056
12	Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District	3,535
13	King Cove City School District	9,751
14	Klawock City School District	7,714
15	Kodiak Island School District	5,708
16	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	3,644
17	Nenana City School District	10,927
18	Nome City School District	7,452
19	North Slope Borough School District	9,570
20	Pelican City School District	12,936
21	Petersburg City School District	4,446
22	Sand Point City School District	8,614
23	Sitka Borough School District	3,859
24	Skagway City School District	5,594
25	St. Mary's City School District	15,544
26	Tanana School District	13,895
27	Unalaska City School District	8,538
28	Valdez City School District	4,977
29	Wrangell City School District	4,915

1	Yakutat City School District	8,059
2	Adak Regional School District	6,909
3	Alaska Gateway School District	8,985
4	Aleutian Chain School District	17,341
5	Annette Island School District	6,835
6	Bering Straits School District	12,685
7	Chatham School District	9,029
8	Chugach School District	12,228
9	Copper River School District	7,465
10	Delta School District	6,152
11	Iditarod Area School District	15,571
12	Kuspuk School District	17,031
13	Lake and Peninsula School District	16,095
14	Lower Kuskokwim School District	11,474
15	Lower Yukon School District	10,259
16	Northwest Arctic School District	10,802
17	Pribilof Islands School District	11,934
18	Upper Railbelt Regional School District	9,933
19	Southeast Island School District	10,052
20	Southwest Regional School District	13,837
21	Yukon Flats School District	16,118
22	Yukon Koyukuk School District	13,719
23	Central Correspondence	2,608

24 (b) If the appropriations for state aid to school districts are
25 insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under this section for
26 fiscal year 1986, the available funds shall be distributed on a pro
27 rata basis among school districts.

28 * Sec. 3. (a) The Department of Education shall allocate 80 percent of
29 the funds remaining after the allocations under sec. 2 of this Act are

1 recomputed in accordance with AS 14.17.170 to school districts whose

2 (1) local contribution to education for each student in average
3 daily membership in fiscal year 1985 exceeds the statewide average local
4 contribution to education for each pupil in average daily membership for
5 fiscal year 1985; and

6 (2) local contribution to education for fiscal year 1985 exceeds
7 the amount that would be generated by a two-mill levy on the full and true
8 value of taxable real and personal property in the district, as determined
9 under AS 14.17.140, for fiscal year 1985.

10 (b) In fiscal year 1986, the Department of Education shall allocate
11 to each school district that qualifies for funds under (a) of this section
12 an amount equal to the portion of the school district's local contribution
13 to education for each student in average daily membership in fiscal year
14 1985 that exceeds the statewide average local contribution to education for
15 each student in average daily membership in fiscal year 1985. If the
16 available funds under (a) of this section are insufficient to meet the
17 allocations authorized under this subsection, the available funds shall be
18 distributed pro rata among the eligible school districts. If the available
19 funds under (a) of this section exceed the allocations authorized under
20 this subsection, the excess funds shall be distributed pro rata among the
21 eligible districts.

22 (c) In this section

23 (1) "local contribution to education" means the local tax con-
24 tribution that was actually expended for education in fiscal year 1985, as
25 determined by the audit conducted under AS 14.14.050;

26 (2) "statewide average" means the total local contribution to
27 education in the state for fiscal year 1985 divided by the total number of
28 students in average daily membership in fiscal year 1985.

29 (d) The Department of Education may use funds remaining after the

1 allocations under (b) of this section to help a school district remedy
2 unique or emergency circumstances that cannot be remedied using other funds
3 available to the school district for fiscal year 1986. During fiscal year
4 1986, a school district may apply to the commissioner of education for
5 financial assistance under this subsection. The commissioner shall adopt
6 regulations to establish standards of eligibility for funds under this
7 subsection.

8 (e) The commissioner of education may expend funds under (d) of this
9 section only in accordance with the following procedures:

10 (1) the commissioner shall submit the proposed expenditures to
11 the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee for review;

12 (2) 45 days shall elapse before commencement of expenditures
13 under (d) of this section unless the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
14 earlier recommends that the expenditures be made;

15 (3) should the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee recommend
16 within the 45-day period that the expenditures not be made, the commis-
17 sioner shall again review the proposed expenditures and if the commissioner
18 determines to authorize the expenditures, the commissioner shall provide
19 the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee with a statement of the commis-
20 sioner's reasons before commencement of the expenditures.

21 * Sec. 4. During the period of suspension under sec. 1 of this Act, a
22 school district shall continue to provide services to students in programs
23 of bilingual, special, and vocational education commensurate with the needs
24 of the students and in strict accordance with applicable state and federal
25 laws and regulations.

26 * Sec. 5. This Act is repealed June 30, 1986.

27 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.