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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state support for education; and

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providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 14.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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Sec. 14.17.011. STATE AID. (a) The amount of state aid for which a district is eligible is the sum of personnel costs under AS 14.17.012 and nonpersonnel costs under AS 14.17.032 less the following:

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(1) if a city or borough school district, that amount in excess of \$100,000 that a 3.5 mill tax on real and personal property would generate;

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(2) if permitted under 20 U.S.C. 240(d), as amended, and the regulations adopted under that section (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), 100 percent of the entitlement of the district to federal financial assistance under 20 U.S.C. 236 - 244, as amended, for the prior fiscal year.

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(b) The sum of (a)(1) and (2) of this section may not exceed 40 percent of the sum of personnel costs under AS 14.17.012 and nonpersonnel costs under AS 14.17.032.

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Sec. 14.17.012. PERSONNEL COSTS. Personnel costs are determined by multiplying the personnel units allotted to each district under AS 14.17.013 by the amount of \$3,300.

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Sec. 14.17.013. PERSONNEL UNITS. The total number of personnel units allotted to each school district is the sum of the following:

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- 1 (1) the number of units based on the district's weighted
- 2 average daily membership as determined under AS 14.17.014(a);
- 3 (2) the number of units for small schools as determined
- 4 under AS 14.17.014(b);
- 5 (3) the number of units based on the district's special
- 6 programs as determined under AS 14.17.014(c) and (d);
- 7 (4) the number of units for training and experience deter-
- 8 mined under AS 14.17.015;
- 9 (5) the number of units for the district's geographic
- 10 differential determined under AS 14.17.016.

11 Sec. 14.17.014. CALCULATION OF PERSONNEL UNITS. (a) A district
 12 shall receive personnel units equal to the sum of the weighted average
 13 daily membership of the district's education programs. Weighted
 14 average daily membership is calculated by multiplying a district's
 15 average daily membership in the education programs listed in this
 16 section by the following assigned weighted values:

17 Program	Weight	Units
18 K	1.30	(ADM x 1.30)
19 1 - 2	1.15	(ADM x 1.15)
20 3 - 6	1.00	(ADM x 1.00)
21 7 - 12	1.25	(ADM x 1.25)

22 (b) A district that consists of a single city or unincorporated
 23 community and has an average daily membership in grades K-12 that is
 24 less than or equal to 500 pupils shall receive an additional alloca-
 25 tion of units as follows:

26 ADM	Units
27 1 - 10	25
28 11 - 15	25 + (4 x (ADM - 10))
29 16 - 25	45 + (1 x (ADM - 15))

1 26 - 200 55 + (0.5 x (ADM - 25))
2 201 - 500 142.5 + (0.025 x (ADM - 200))

3 (c) A district shall receive additional units for special educa-
4 tion programs as follows:

5 (1) in a district with pupils receiving resource services,
6 23 units for each 18 pupils or fraction thereof, plus 23/18 unit for
7 each additional pupil;

8 (2) in a district with pupils in a self-contained class, 23
9 units for each 10 pupils or fraction thereof, plus 23/10 unit for each
10 additional pupil;

11 (3) in a district with pupils receiving gifted or talented
12 services, 23 units for each 40 pupils or fraction thereof, plus 23/40
13 unit for each additional pupil.

14 (d) A district with pupils receiving bilingual education ser-
15 vices shall receive additional units equal to the number of pupils in
16 average daily membership multiplied by 0.7.

17 Sec. 14.17.015. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE ADJUSTMENT. The person-
18 nel units for each district shall be increased by the amount obtained
19 from multiplying 40 percent of the units calculated under AS 14.17.-
20 013(1), (2) and (3), by a training and experience factor for school
21 teachers in the district. The department shall determine the factor
22 for each district and revise the factor annually.

23 Sec. 14.17.016. GEOGRAPHIC DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT. A dis-
24 trict's personnel units as determined under AS 14.17.013(1), (2) and
25 (3) shall be increased by an area geographic differential as follows:

26 (1) for North Star Borough School District, the district is
27 entitled to receive an additional four percent;

28 (2) for Delta School District, Upper Railbelt Regional
29 School District, Copper River School District, Bristol Bay Borough

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2 School District, Yukon-Koyukuk School District, and Galena City School
3 District, the district is entitled to receive an additional six per-
4 cent;

5 (3) for Iditarod Area School District, Adak Regional School
6 District, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Lake Peninsula School
7 District, and Kuspuk School District, the district or area is entitled
8 to receive an additional eight percent;

9 (4) for Alaska Gateway School District, Sand Point City
10 School District, King Cove City School District, Unalaska City School
11 District, and Dillingham City School District, the district or area is
12 entitled to receive an additional 10 percent;

13 (5) for Tanana City School District, the area is entitled
14 to receive an additional 12 percent;

15 (6) for Yukon Flats School District, and Pribilof Islands
16 School District, the district or area is entitled to receive an addi-
17 tional 14 percent;

18 (7) for Nome City School District, Northwest Arctic School
19 District, and Bering Straits School District, the district or area is
20 entitled to receive an additional 16 percent;

21 (8) for Lower Yukon School District and Aleutian Chain
22 School District, the district or area is entitled to receive an addi-
23 tional 22 percent;

24 (9) for North Slope Borough School District the area is
25 entitled to receive an additional 28 percent.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 14.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

27 Sec. 14.17.032. NONPERSONNEL COSTS. A district is eligible to
28 receive for nonpersonnel costs the greater of the following:

29 (1) 25 percent of personnel costs as determined under

1 AS 14.17.012; or

2 (2) an average of actual nonpersonnel costs of the district
3 as determined under AS 14.17.034.

4 Sec. 14.17.034. DETERMINATION OF NONPERSONNEL COSTS. (a)
5 Nonpersonnel costs are the actual expenditures made for operation of
6 the district that are not expenditures for personnel or items of
7 capital expenditure eligible for reimbursement by the state under
8 AS 14.11.

9 (b) Each nonpersonnel cost incurred by a district shall be
10 averaged over the two most recent fiscal years for that district. If
11 the department makes a written determination that one or both of the
12 two most recent fiscal years are not fairly representative of the
13 average costs incurred by the district, the average may be increased
14 or decreased by the department to reflect actual costs of the dis-
15 trict. The department shall provide notice and opportunity for a
16 hearing to the district if the department determines not to accept the
17 two most recent fiscal years as fairly representative of the average
18 costs incurred by the district.

19 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations to implement this
20 section.

21 Sec. 14.17.036. SPECIAL EDUCATION INTENSIVE PROGRAMS. The
22 department shall reimburse 100 percent of the costs of special educa-
23 tion intensive programs to each district. The department shall review
24 the costs incurred by each district and may deny reimbursement if the
25 cost incurred was not as a result of a special education intensive
26 program.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 14.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

28 Sec. 14.17.062. SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS. The commissioner may
29 recommend funding of supplemental programs in addition to the amounts

1 authorized under this chapter.

2 Sec. 14.17.064. FUNDS FOR CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY.
3 Funds for centralized correspondence study shall be provided by appro-
4 priation from the public school foundation account in an amount equal
5 to the number of personnel units that would be received under AS 14.-
6 17.014(a) for a district with the same average daily membership as
7 that of centralized correspondence study, multiplied by the unit
8 amount specified in AS 14.17.012.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 14.17.021, 14.17.022, 14.17.023, 14.17.031, 14.17.041,
10 14.17.051, 14.17.056, and 14.17.061 are repealed.

11 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1986.