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SENATE BILL NO. 433

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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."

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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

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which a district is eligible is the sum of personnel costs under

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AS 14.17.012 and operation and maintenance costs under AS 14.17.024

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less the following:

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(1) if a city or borough school district, that amount in

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excess of \$100,000 that a 3.5 mill tax on real and personal property

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would generate up to a limit of \$1,000 per mill, multiplied by the

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district's average daily membership;

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(2) if a rural educational attendance area and if permitted

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under 20 U.S.C. 240(d), as amended, and the regulations adopted under

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that section (45 C.F.R. 115.60 - 115.66), 80 percent of the entitle-

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ment of the rural educational attendance area to federal financial

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assistance under 20 U.S.C. 236 - 244, as amended, for the prior fiscal

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year.

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(b) The sum of (a)(1) and (2) of this section may not exceed 40

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percent of the sum of personnel costs under AS 14.17.012 and operation

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and maintenance costs under AS 14.17.024.

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Sec. 14.17.012. PERSONNEL COSTS. Personnel costs are determined

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by multiplying the personnel units allotted to each district under

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AS 14.17.013 by the amount of \$3,300.

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

3 (1) the number of units based on the district's weighted
4 average daily membership as determined under AS 14.17.014(a);

5 (2) the number of units for small schools as determined
6 under AS 14.17.014(b);

7 (3) the number of units based on the district's special
8 programs as determined under AS 14.17.014(c);

9 (4) the number of units for the district's geographic
10 differential determined under AS 14.17.016;

11 (5) the number of units for the district's training and
12 experience as determined under AS 14.17.018.

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

19	Program	Weight	Units
20	K	1.30	(ADM x 1.30)
21	1 - 2	1.15	(ADM x 1.15)
22	3 - 6	1.00	(ADM x 1.00)
23	7 - 12	1.25	(ADM x 1.25)

24 (b) A district comprised of single cities or unincorporated
25 communities with average daily membership in grades K-12 that are less
26 than or equal to 500 pupils shall receive an additional allocation of
27 units for each city or unincorporated community as follows:

28	ADM	Units
29	1 - 10	25

1	11 - 15	25 + (4 x (ADM - 10))
2	16 - 25	45 + (1 x (ADM - 15))
3	26 - 200	55 + (0.5 x (ADM - 25))
4	201 - 500	142.5 + (0.025 x (ADM - 200))

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

7 (1) in a district with pupils receiving resource services,
8 20 units for the first 18 pupils or fraction thereof, plus 23/18 units
9 for each additional pupil over 18;

10 (2) in a district with pupils in a self-contained class-
11 room, 20 units for the first 10 pupils or fraction thereof, plus 23/10
12 units for each additional pupil over 10;

13 (3) in a district with pupils receiving gifted or talented
14 services, 20 units for the first 40 pupils or fraction thereof, plus
15 23/40 units for each additional pupil over 40;

16 (4) in a district with pupils receiving bilingual education
17 services, additional units equal to the number of bilingual pupils in
18 average daily membership multiplied by 0.7.

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

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

24 (2) for Delta School District, Upper Railbelt Regional
25 School District, Copper River School District, Bristol Bay Borough
26 School District, Southwest Regional School District, St. Mary's City
27 School District, Yukon-Koyukuk School District, and Galena City School
28 District, the district is entitled to receive an additional six per-
29 cent;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 14.17.018. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE ADJUSTMENT. The person-
23 nel units for each district shall be increased by the amount obtained
24 by multiplying 40 percent of the units calculated under AS 14.17.-
25 013(1), (2) and (3) for that fiscal year by a training and experience
26 factor based on the March payroll of the second previous fiscal year,
27 to be determined as follows:

28 (1) the department shall assign each school district teach-
29 er to a value in the following table that most closely reflects the

1 point at which the teacher is paid on the district salary schedule:

2 Training

3		BA	BA+	MA	MA+18	MA+36	MA+54
4	Years of Experience	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	0	0.00	0.05	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30
6	2	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40
7	5	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55
8	8	0.35	0.40	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65
9	10		0.50	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75
10	12			0.65	0.70	0.75	0.80
11	15			0.75	0.80	0.85	1.00

12 In the above table

13 (A) column 1 refers to a salary based upon a bache-
14 lor's degree;

15 (B) column 2 refers to a salary based upon semester
16 hours beyond a bachelor's degree but less than a master's degree;

17 (C) column 3 refers to a salary based upon a master's
18 degree or its equivalent;

19 (D) column 4 refers to a salary based upon a master's
20 degree or its equivalent plus 18 or more, but fewer than 36,
21 semester hours of training or their equivalent;

22 (E) column 5 refers to a salary based upon a master's
23 degree or its equivalent plus 36 or more, but fewer than 54,
24 semester hours of training or their equivalent;

25 (F) column 6 refers to a salary based upon a master's
26 degree or its equivalent and 54 or more semester hours of train-
27 ing or their equivalent;

28 (2) each district's training and experience index is the
29 average of the values assigned to all teachers in the district under

1 (1) of this subsection, minus the average of the district with the
2 lowest average, and is carried to the third decimal place.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 14.17.023 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 Sec. 14.17.023. SUPPLEMENTAL EQUALIZATION AID. (a) In addition
5 to state aid under AS 14.17.011, each district is entitled to supple-
6 mental aid as determined in this section.

7 (b) Each district shall receive supplemental equalization aid
8 equal to the amount of local taxes expended for school operating costs
9 in that district in the previous fiscal year, reduced by the amount a
10 3.5 mill tax on real and personal property would generate for that
11 district.

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

13 Sec. 14.17.024. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. A district is
14 eligible to receive an amount for operation and maintenance costs
15 according to the following formula

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$$O = (U \times V) A/T$$

17 (1) O = the amount that a district is eligible to receive
18 for operation and maintenance costs;

19 (2) U = the number of units the district receives under
20 AS 14.17.014(a) and (b);

21 (3) V = the amount established under AS 14.17.012;

22 (4) A = the district's average costs of operation and
23 maintenance for the previous four fiscal years;

24 (5) T = the district's total expenditures for school op-
25 erating costs during the previous four fiscal years less expenditures
26 for pupil transportation, community services, food services, and the
27 pupil activity fund during the previous four fiscal years.

28 Sec. 14.17.026. SCHOOL RECORDS. Each district shall retain
29 operation and cost records for the four previous fiscal years. The

1 records may be inspected or audited by the department after reasonable
2 notice to the district.

3 Sec. 14.17.028. SPECIAL EDUCATION INTENSIVE PROGRAMS. The
4 department shall reimburse 100 percent of the costs of special educa-
5 tion intensive programs to each district. The department shall review
6 the costs incurred by each district and may deny reimbursement if the
7 cost incurred was not a result of a special education intensive pro-
8 gram.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 14.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 14.17.062. SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS. The commissioner may
11 recommend funding of supplemental programs in addition to the amounts
12 authorized under this chapter.

13 Sec. 14.17.064. FUNDS FOR CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY.
14 Funds for centralized correspondence study shall be provided by appro-
15 priation from the public school foundation account in an amount equal
16 to the number of personnel units that would be received under AS 14.-
17 17.014(a) for a district with the same average daily membership as
18 that of centralized correspondence study, multiplied by the unit
19 amount specified in AS 14.17.012.

20 Sec. 14.17.066. GUARANTEED FUNDING LEVEL. If the amount of
21 assistance that a district is entitled to for a fiscal year under
22 AS 14.17.011 is less than 95 percent of the amount the district re-
23 ceived under secs. 2 and 3(a) - (c), ch. 75, SLA 1985, the district is
24 entitled to 95 percent of the amount it would have received under
25 secs. 2 and 3(a) - (c), ch. 75, SLA 1985.

26 * Sec. 5. LIMITED INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987. Except as
27 provided in AS 14.17.023, if the amount of assistance that a school dis-
28 trict is entitled to under AS 14.17.011 for the fiscal year beginning
29 July 1, 1986, is more than five percent greater than the amount of state

1 assistance it received under secs. 2 and 3(a) - (c), ch. 75, SLA 1985, the
2 district is entitled to only five percent more than it received for the
3 previous fiscal year.

4 * Sec. 6. AS 14.17.021, 14.17.022, 14.17.031, 14.17.041, 14.17.051,
5 14.17.056 and 14.17.061 are repealed.

6 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1986.