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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 380 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state aid for school construction; establishing a school construction policy task force; and 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 14.11.100(c) is amended to read:

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(c) The school construction account is established. Funds to carry out the provisions of this section shall be included within the general appropriation bill submitted to the legislature under AS 37.-07.020 and may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose of providing the share to which a borough or city is entitled under this section, those funds that are available shall be distributed pro rata among the eligible local governments except that the legislature may direct that additional debt service on refunding bonds that exceeds the total debt service on the refunded bonds be disregarded in whole or in part.

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.11.100(j) is amended to read:

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(j) Except as provided in (1) of this section, the state may not allocate money to a municipality for a school construction project under (a)(5) of this section unless the municipality complies with the requirements of (1) - (4) of this subsection, the project is approved by the commissioner before the local vote on the bond issue for the project, and the local vote occurs before July 1, 1987, or after June 30, 1990 [1988]. In approving a project under this subsection,

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1 the commissioner shall require

2 (1) the municipality to include on the ballot for the bond
3 issue the estimated total cost of each project including estimated
4 total interest, estimated annual operation and maintenance costs, the
5 estimated amounts that will be paid by the state and by the municipal-
6 ity, and the approximate amount that would be due in annual taxes on
7 \$100,000 in assessed value to retire the debt;

8 (2) that the bonds may not be refunded unless the annual
9 debt service on the refunding issue is not greater than the annual
10 debt service on the original issue;

11 (3) that the bonds must be repaid in approximately equal
12 annual principal payments or approximate equal debt service payments
13 over a period of at least 10 years;

14 (4) the municipality to demonstrate need for the project by
15 establishing that the school district has

16 (A) projected long-term student enrollment that indi-
17 cates the district has inadequate facilities to meet present or
18 projected enrollment; or

19 (B) facilities that require repair or replacement in
20 order to meet health and safety laws or regulations or building
21 codes.

22 * Sec. 3. TASK FORCE CREATED. (a) The school construction policy task
23 force is established by the legislature to recommend options for planning,
24 financing, and constructing public elementary and secondary schools in the
25 state. Members of the task force serve without compensation, but the
26 public member is entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law
27 for state boards under AS 39.20.180.

28 (b) Membership on the task force consists of

29 (1) the governor or a designee of the governor;

- 1 (2) one public member appointed by the governor;
- 2 (3) two senators appointed by the president of the senate,
3 one of whom shall co-chair the task force;
- 4 (4) two members appointed by the speaker of the house, one
5 of whom shall co-chair the task force;
- 6 (5) one representative of the State Board of Education;
- 7 (6) one representative of local government or school dis-
8 trict interests from each judicial district, appointed by the gover-
9 nor; and
- 10 (7) one representative of rural educational attendance
11 areas, appointed by the governor.
- 12 (c) By November 15, 1989, the task force shall report its rec-
13 ommendations to the legislature.
- 14 * Sec. 4. Section 3 of this Act is repealed June 30, 1990.
- 15 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1988.