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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 380 (HESS)

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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 construc-

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tion; establishing a school construction policy task

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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 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 14.11.025. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPROPRIATIONS. Funds

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may not be appropriated for school construction grants if the amount

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appropriated to the school construction account under AS 14.11.100(c)

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is insufficient to provide the share to which a borough or city is

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entitled to receive under AS 14.11.100.

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

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(c) The school construction account is established. Funds to

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carry out the provisions of this section shall be included within the

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general appropriation bill submitted to the legislature under AS 37.-

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07.020 and may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the

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account. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose

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of providing the share to which a borough or city is entitled under

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this section, those funds that are available shall be distributed pro

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rata among the eligible local governments except that the legislature

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may direct that additional debt service on refunding bonds that ex-

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ceeds the total debt service on the refunded bonds be disregarded in

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whole or in part.

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* Sec. 3. 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

1 allocate money to a municipality for a school construction project
2 under (a)(5) of this section unless the municipality complies with the
3 requirements of (1) - (4) of this subsection, the project is approved
4 by the commissioner before the local vote on the bond issue for the
5 project, and the local vote occurs before July 1, 1987, or after
6 June 30, 1989 [1988]. In approving a project under this subsection,
7 the commissioner shall require

8 (1) the municipality to include on the ballot for the bond
9 issue the estimated total cost of each project including estimated
10 total interest, estimated annual operation and maintenance costs, the
11 estimated amounts that will be paid by the state and by the municipal-
12 ity, and the approximate amount that would be due in annual taxes on
13 \$100,000 in assessed value to retire the debt;

14 (2) that the bonds may not be refunded unless the annual
15 debt service on the refunding issue is not greater than the annual
16 debt service on the original issue;

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

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

22 (A) projected long-term student enrollment that indi-
23 cates the district has inadequate facilities to meet present or
24 projected enrollment; or

25 (B) facilities that require repair or replacement in
26 order to meet health and safety laws or regulations or building
27 codes.

28 * Sec. 4. TASK FORCE CREATED. (a) The school construction policy task
29 force is established by the legislature to recommend options for planning,

1 financing, and constructing public elementary and secondary schools in the
2 state. Members of the task force serve without compensation, but the
3 public member is entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law
4 for state boards under AS 39.20.180.

5 (b) Membership on the task force consists of

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

7 (2) one public member appointed by the governor;

8 (3) two senators appointed by the president of the senate, one
9 of whom shall co-chair the task force;

10 (4) two members appointed by the speaker of the house, one of
11 whom shall co-chair the task force;

12 (5) one representative of the State Board of Education;

13 (6) one representative of local government or school district
14 interests from each judicial district, appointed by the governor; and

15 (7) one representative of rural educational attendance areas,
16 appointed by the governor.

17 (c) By January 15, 1989, the task force shall report its rec-
18 ommendations to the legislature.

19 * Sec. 5. Section 4 of this Act is repealed June 30, 1989.

20 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1988.