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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4 (HESS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 14.11.100(c) is amended to read:

(c) The school construction account is established. Funds to carry out the provisions of this section may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. Before March 14 the legislature shall appropriate funds to school districts under this section for the next fiscal year. 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.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.14.060(c) is amended to read:

(c) The borough school board shall submit the school budget for the following school year to the borough assembly by April 15 [APRIL 1] for approval of the total amount. Within 30 days after receipt of the budget the assembly shall determine the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school purposes and shall furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available. If the assembly does not, within 30 days, furnish the

school board with a statement of the sum to be made available, the amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. By May 31, the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made available from local sources from money available for the purpose.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.17.225(b) is amended to read:

(b) Money to carry out the provisions of AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.-190 may be appropriated annually by the legislature into the public school foundation account. Before March 14 the legislature shall appropriate funds for direct and indirect services and other funding under this chapter for the next fiscal year. If amounts in the account are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 for a fiscal year, each district's basic need shall be reduced pro rata as necessary to make the funds available sufficient to meet the allocations for that fiscal year.

* Sec. 4. AS 37.07.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 37.07.030. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE. The legislature shall

(1) provide for a budget review function;

(2) analyze the comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and financial plans recommended by the governor;

(3) adopt legislation to authorize implementation of the governor's comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and financial plans or appropriate alternatives to those plans;

(4) provide for a post-audit function to cover financial transactions, program accomplishment, and compliance with legislative intent;

(5) adopt or revise the estimate or receipts required to balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget in order that proposed expenditures do not exceed estimated receipts for that fiscal year;

(6) adopt, revise, or initiate revenue measures in order to balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget and the capital improvements section of the budget for the succeeding six years;

(7) appropriate money for public school construction debt retirement under AS 14.11.100, public school foundation program under AS 14.17, pupil transportation, student lunch program, cigarette tax distribution, tuition students, boarding home grants, youth in detention, and schools for the handicapped before March 14 of each year for the succeeding fiscal year.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.