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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 10 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

11 (c) The school construction account is established. Funds to
12 carry out the provisions of this section may be appropriated annually
13 by the legislature to the account. Before March 14 the legislature
14 shall appropriate funds to school districts under this section for the
15 next fiscal year. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the
16 purpose of providing the share to which a borough or city is entitled
17 under this section, those funds that are available shall be distribut-
18 ed pro rata among the eligible local governments except that the
19 legislature may direct that additional debt service on refunding bonds
20 that exceeds the total debt service on the refunded bonds be disre-
21 garded in whole or in part.

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

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

1 school board with a statement of the sum to be made available, the
2 amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. By May 31,
3 the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made available from
4 local sources from money available for the purpose.
5 * Sec. 3. AS 14.17.225(b) is amended to read:
6 (b) Money to carry out the provisions of AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.-
7 190 may be appropriated annually by the legislature into the public
8 school foundation account. Before March 14 the legislature shall
9 appropriate funds for direct and indirect services and other funding
10 under this chapter for the next fiscal year. If amounts in the ac-
11 count are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under
12 AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 for a fiscal year, each district's basic need
13 shall be reduced pro rata as necessary to make the funds available
14 sufficient to meet the allocations for that fiscal year.
15 * Sec. 4. AS 37.07.030 is amended to read:
16 Sec. 37.07.030. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE. The legis-
17 lature shall
18 (1) provide for a budget review function;
19 (2) analyze the comprehensive operating and capital im-
20 provements programs and financial plans recommended by the governor;
21 (3) adopt legislation to authorize implementation of the
22 governor's comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs
23 and financial plans or appropriate alternatives to those plans;
24 (4) provide for a post-audit function to cover financial
25 transactions, program accomplishment, and compliance with legislative
26 intent;
27 (5) adopt or revise the estimate or receipts required to
28 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget in order that proposed
29 expenditures do not exceed estimated receipts for that fiscal year;

1 (6) adopt, revise, or initiate revenue measures in order to
2 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget and the capital improve-
3 ments section of the budget for the succeeding six years;
4 (7) appropriate money for public school construction debt
5 retirement under AS 14.11.100, public school foundation program under
6 AS 14.17, pupil transportation, student lunch program, cigarette tax
7 distribution, tuition students, boarding home grants, youth in de-
8 tention, and schools for the handicapped no later than March 14 of
9 each year for the succeeding fiscal year.
10 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.