

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17 (HES)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/19/91**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BRUCKMAN, Ells, Carney, Ulmer, Taylor, B.Davis, C.Davis**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

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

5 (c) The school construction account is established. Funds to carry out the provisions of  
6 this section shall be included within the general appropriation bill submitted to the legislature  
7 under AS 37.07.020 and may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. Before  
8 March 7, the legislature shall appropriate funds to school districts under this section for the  
9 next fiscal year. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose of providing the share  
10 to which a borough or city is entitled under this section, those funds that are available shall be  
11 distributed pro rata among the eligible local governments except that the legislature may direct  
12 that additional debt service on refunding bonds that exceeds the total debt service on the refunded  
13 bonds be disregarded in whole or in part.

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

1 (c) The borough school board shall submit the school budget for the following school  
2 year to the borough assembly by April 30 [APRIL 1] for approval of the [TOTAL] amount of  
3 money funded from local sources. Within 30 days after receipt of the budget the assembly  
4 shall determine the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school  
5 purposes and shall furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available.  
6 If the assembly does not, within 30 days, furnish the school board with a statement of the sum  
7 to be made available, the amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. By May  
8 31, the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made available from local sources from  
9 money available for the purpose.

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

11 (b) Money to carry out the provisions of AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 may be appropriated  
12 annually by the legislature into the public school foundation account. Before March 7, the  
13 legislature shall appropriate funds for direct and indirect services and other funding under  
14 this chapter for the next fiscal year. If amounts in the account are insufficient to meet the  
15 allocations authorized under AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 for a fiscal year, each district's basic need  
16 shall be reduced pro rata as necessary to make the funds available sufficient to meet the  
17 allocations for that fiscal year.

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

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

20 (1) provide for a budget review function;

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

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

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

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

31 (6) adopt, revise, or initiate revenue measures in order to balance the succeeding

1 fiscal year's budget and the capital improvements section of the budget for the succeeding six  
2 years;

3 (7) appropriate money for the succeeding fiscal year for public school  
4 construction debt retirement under AS 14.11.100, public school foundation program under  
5 AS 14.17, pupil transportation, student lunch program, cigarette tax distribution, tuition  
6 students, boarding home grants, youth in detention, and schools for the handicapped no  
7 later than March 7 of each year.

8 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.