

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 84(JUD)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/23/94
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to grants for the improvement of school performance and to
2 teacher tenure rights; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 14.03.125(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The fund for the improvement of school performance is created as an
6 account in the general fund. The fund shall be used by the commissioner to make
7 grants [TO A DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE STATE] for the purpose of improving
8 public school performance in a district in the state. The fund consists of money
9 appropriated by the legislature, including money appropriated from the earnings of
10 the public school trust fund under AS 37.14.110. The commissioner shall include
11 an [ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE] amount [REQUESTED] for grants under this
12 section [AND SHALL INCLUDE THE AMOUNT] in the department's annual budget
13 request.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.125(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) A person, governing body, or district advisory board [, OR NONPROFIT
2 ORGANIZATION] located in the state [, OR A TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL
3 EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE,] may apply for a grant of
4 up to \$50,000 to improve public school performance by submitting an application to
5 the commissioner. An application must be signed by the chief school administrator
6 of the district that will receive the grant or, if the application is from a person,
7 the chief school administrator of a district that has agreed to receive, administer,
8 and account for the grant.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 14.03.125(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) The department may award a [A] grant [MAY BE AWARDED] to the
11 same applicant [GRANTEE] in consecutive fiscal years, but may not award a grant
12 [BE AWARDED] to the same applicant [GRANTEE] for more than three [TWO]
13 fiscal years within a five-year period. This subsection does not apply to a district
14 if the district is administering the grant and the district governing body is not the
15 grantee.

16 * Sec. 4. AS 14.03.125(e) is amended to read:

17 (e) In this section,

18 (1) "applicant" means a person applying for a grant under this
19 section;

20 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.250.

21 * Sec. 5. AS 14.03.125 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (f) The board shall adopt regulations concerning grants and grant award
23 procedures under this section.

24 * Sec. 6. AS 14.20.147(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) When a school operated by a federal agency is transferred to or absorbed
26 into a new or existing school district, the teachers shall also be transferred if mutually
27 agreed by the teacher or teachers and the school board of the new or existing district.
28 A teacher transferred from a federal agency school that [, WHICH] does not have an
29 official salary schedule or teacher tenure in the same manner as a public school district
30 in the state [,] shall be placed on a position on the salary schedule of the absorbing
31 district; the salary may not be less than the teacher would have received in the federal

1 agency school. If the teacher taught four [TWO] or more years in the federal agency
2 school and, at the time of transfer, had a valid Alaska teaching certificate, that teacher
3 shall be placed on tenure in the absorbing district.

4 * Sec. 7. AS 14.20.150 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 14.20.150. ACQUISITION OF TENURE RIGHTS. (a) A teacher
6 acquires tenure rights in a district when the teacher

7 (1) possesses a standard teaching certificate;

8 (2) has been employed as a teacher in the same district continuously
9 for four [TWO] full school years and is reemployed for the school year immediately
10 following the four [TWO] full school years.

11 (b) The tenure rights acquired under (a) of this section become effective on the
12 first day the teacher performs teaching services in the district during the school year
13 immediately following the four [TWO] full school years.

14 * Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY OF TENURE CHANGES. The amendments made by secs.
15 6 and 7 of this Act apply to teachers first hired by a school district on or after the effective
16 date of this Act.

17 * Sec. 9. TRANSITION. Notwithstanding sec. 11 of this Act, the state Board of Education
18 may proceed to adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect
19 under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the respective effective date
20 of the relevant section or sections of this Act.

21 * Sec. 10. Section 9 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

22 * Sec. 11. Sections 1 - 8 of this Act take effect July 1, 1994.