

SENATE BILL NO. 78

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR LITTLE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; and  
2 providing 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  
6 provisions of this section shall be included within the general appropriation bill  
7 submitted to the legislature under AS 37.07.020 and may be appropriated annually by  
8 the legislature to the account. Before March 7, the legislature shall appropriate  
9 funds to eligible municipalities under this section for the next fiscal year. If  
10 amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose of providing the share to which  
11 a borough or city is entitled under this section, those funds that are available shall be  
12 distributed pro rata among the eligible local governments except that the legislature  
13 may direct that additional debt service on refunding bonds that exceeds the total debt  
14 service on the refunded bonds be disregarded in whole or in part.

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

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

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

13             (b) Money to carry out the provisions of AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 may be  
14    appropriated annually by the legislature into the public school foundation account.  
15    Before March 7, the legislature shall appropriate funds for direct and indirect  
16    services and other funding under this chapter for the next fiscal year. If amounts  
17    in the account are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under AS 14.17.010 -  
18    14.17.190 for a fiscal year, each district's basic need shall be reduced pro rata as  
19    necessary to make the funds available sufficient to meet the allocations for that fiscal  
20    year.

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

22             Sec. 37.07.030. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE.** The legis-  
23    lature shall

- 24                     (1) provide for a budget review function;
- 25                     (2) analyze the comprehensive operating and capital improvements  
26    programs and financial plans recommended by the governor;
- 27                     (3) adopt legislation to authorize implementation of the governor's  
28    comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and financial plans or  
29    appropriate alternatives to those plans;
- 30                     (4) provide for a post-audit function to cover financial transactions,  
31    program accomplishment, and compliance with legislative intent;

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

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

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

12 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.