

SENATE BILL NO. 181  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to grants for school construction; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 14.11.013(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (b) The department shall recommend school construction grants in the order  
6 of priority established by the grant review committee under AS 14.11.014.

7 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.11.013(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The department shall reduce a project budget by the cost of those portions  
9 of a project design that the department determines (1) are for construction of student  
10 residential space, planetariums, hockey rinks, saunas, and other facilities for single  
11 purpose sporting or recreational uses that are not suitable for other activities; and (2)  
12 do not meet the design criteria specified under (f) of this section that are  
13 applicable to the project. This subsection does not apply to funding for swimming  
14 pools that meet criteria established by the department.

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.11.013(e) is amended to read:

2 (e) By November 5, the department shall provide public notice of the grant  
3 applications submitted under (a) of this section and the priorities established under  
4 AS 14.11.014 [(b) OF THIS SECTION]. After public notice has been given, the  
5 department shall, not later than December 1, hold a public hearing on the priorities  
6 established under AS 14.11.014 [(b) OF THIS SECTION]. In this subsection, "public  
7 notice" means notice published in a newspaper of general circulation and notice to  
8 every person who has requested notice about the grant application program from the  
9 department.

10 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.11.013 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (f) The department shall, in consultation with the Department of Transportation  
12 and Public Facilities, develop standard regional design specifications for the  
13 construction of schools in the state. A standard regional school design shall be  
14 developed for the arctic, interior, western, and southeastern regions of the state. For  
15 each school construction project for which a grant is requested under AS 14.11.011,  
16 the department shall determine which standard regional school design is applicable to  
17 that project.

18 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.11 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 14.11.014. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE. (a) The commissioner  
20 shall establish a grant review committee for the purpose of establishing the  
21 department's priorities among projects for which school construction grants are  
22 requested and for the purpose of preparing a construction grant schedule. The  
23 committee shall consist of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee and five  
24 other people selected by the commissioner who have the following qualifications:

- 25 (1) one person shall be licensed under AS 08.48 as an engineer;  
26 (2) one person shall have a teaching certificate issued by the  
27 department;  
28 (3) one person shall be licensed as a construction contractor under  
29 AS 08.18;  
30 (4) one person shall be licensed under AS 08.48 as an architect; and  
31 (5) one person shall have five years of experience in facilities

1 management.

2 (b) In establishing priorities among grants as required under this section, the  
3 grant review committee shall evaluate at least the following factors:

4 (1) emergency requirements;

5 (2) priorities assigned by the district to the projects requested;

6 (3) new local elementary and secondary programs;

7 (4) existing regional, community, and school facilities, and their  
8 condition; and

9 (5) alternate education program options for accomplishing the project's  
10 objectives.

11 (c) Members of the committee serve without compensation, but members who  
12 are not representing the department or the Department of Transportation and Public  
13 Facilities are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and  
14 commissions under AS 39.20.180.

15 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.