

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 181(HES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
BY SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/13/93
Referred: FINANCE

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 AS 14.11.013(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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. Standard regional school design specifications
14 shall be developed for the arctic, interior, western, and southeastern regions of the
15 state. For each school construction project for which a grant is requested under
16 AS 14.11.011, the department shall determine which standard regional school design
17 specifications are applicable to 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

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(b) In establishing priorities among grants as required under this section, the grant review committee shall evaluate all of the following factors:

- (1) emergency requirements;
- (2) priorities assigned by the district to the projects requested;
- (3) new local elementary and secondary programs;
- (4) existing regional, community, and school facilities, and their condition; and
- (5) alternative education program options for accomplishing the project's objectives.

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

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