

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/6/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-7-76

The Committee on FINANCE has had HR 560

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

Introduced: 1/27/76
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 660

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the transportation of exceptional
7 children; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.30.347 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.30.347. TRANSPORTATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN. When
11 transportation is required to be provided as part of special services,
12 exceptional children [, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.] shall be carried with
13 other [SEPARATELY FROM THE] children, except when the nature of their
14 physical or mental handicaps is such that it is in the best interest
15 of the exceptional children, as determined by the school district,
16 that they be transported separately [ATTENDING REGULAR CLASSES].
17 State reimbursement for transportation of exceptional children shall
18 be as provided for transportation of all other pupils [ATTENDING
19 REGULAR CLASSES] except that eligibility for reimbursement shall not
20 be subject to restriction based on the minimum distance between the
21 school and the residence of the exceptional child.

22 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
23 10.070(c).

HB 660

JAN 27 1976

The Honorable Mike Bradner
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with AS 24.30.060(b) and the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am transmitting a bill relating to the transportation of exceptional children.

The bill amends AS 14.30.347 which presently provides that exceptional children are to be transported to school separately from other children whenever possible. The Department of Education believes this requirement for special treatment of all exceptional children is inconsistent with the "mainstreaming" approach to the education of those children. This approach calls for placing them with their peers whenever possible in order to provide them with an enriched curriculum and to help alleviate certain handicapping conditions merely by association with more "normalized" situations. The amendments to sec. 347 proposed in this bill would further augment the "mainstreaming" concept by providing that exceptional children are to be transported with other children except where it would be in their best interest to be transported separately. Examples of situations where these children might still be transported separately include requirements for special seating, for extra supervisory personnel, and for special vehicles with lifts or extra large doors.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE
 Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB #660
 Title: relating to the transportation of exceptional children, & setting eff. date
 Requested by: House HESS Date: 4-1-76
 Return Date Requested: ASAP
 Agency: Education Program: Financial Support

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Fiscal impact is zero.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: April 1, 1976 PREPARED BY: William A. Thomas

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)