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FACT SHEET

PROPOSED 1981 LEGISLATION

The Department of Military Affairs has asked the Governor to introduce one bill in the 1981 Legislation.

The bill has three parts:

The first part proposes that the reimbursement of tuition and fees for members who attend an educational, vocational or training school in Alaska be extended to retired members. This proposal is designed to provide an additional incentive to stay in the Guard until retirement and reward, in a small way, those retired members who would like to continue their education. We anticipate that no more than 15 members would take advantage of this proposal each year. The average reimbursement is \$125.00 per year per person, making the total cost of this proposal between 2 and 3 thousand dollars annually.

The second proposal is designed to protect the families of the lower rank enlisted members from a dramatic financial loss in the event of an extended State Duty period. It provides a minimum of \$65.00 per day in FY 82 and an adjustment for inflation each year thereafter. It also ensures that members called to State Active Duty are covered by the Workman's Compensation Act. The fiscal impact of this proposal would be felt only in the event of a major disaster. The funding would come from the Governor's Emergency Fund.

The third part is identical to a bill submitted by the Governor last year and proposes a restructuring of the reenlistment bonus. A reenlistment bonus in the amount of \$3,000 will be paid for the first 6 year reenlistment only. The payments will be \$1,000 each, payable every two years. At the end of the initial reenlistment, the bonus stops. Payments would be made to the Guard members during their 6th through 12th year of total military service. This period has been determined as the "decision making" time for Guard members as to whether to stay until retirement or quit. We feel that paying this bonus during the decision years is the best possible use of a reenlistment bonus and conforms very closely to the bonus offered by the Federal Government for the active component personnel. Those members currently receiving a reenlistment bonus under AS 26.05.265 would continue to receive those bonus payments.

Same as SB 54

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week from Friday Fairbanks
Evening hearing Capital Move
Sat morning Anchorage
All Day hearing -
Ketchikan back to Juneau

H.B. 351
1630
3:00
3:48
291
H.B. 351
in April
to Finance Committee
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Ketchikan on Mon Monday afternoon
Monday night & Tuesday morning

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- FRIDAY, MARCH 27

ANCHORAGE

JUNEAU - FAIRBANKS
6:15 - 7:05 AS 67/AS 87

⊕ SAT. MARCH 28
7:00 - 7:50 AS 92

⊗ FAIRBANKS TO ANCHORAGE
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
ANCHORAGE TO JUNEAU
11:50 - 4:55 AS 66

⊗ MONDAY, MARCH 30
1:45 - 4:05 AS 64
JUNEAU TO KETCHIKAN

KETCHIKAN TO JUNEAU
10:00 - 10:50 pm AS 64 [50]

JUNEAU TO KETCHIKAN
LEAVE 12:20 pm
1:10 pm

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