

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

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3/27/85

Date 4/11/85

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Chairman

Chairman recommendation

Offered: 3/27/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Sackett

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 217 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to participation in a negotiating
7 unit by principal-teachers; and providing for an
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13 cipals, [AND] assistant principals, and principal-teachers, from
14 having the right to negotiate independently of the other certificated
15 personnel if they choose to do so as the result of a secret ballot.

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17 10.070(c).

ANALYSIS FOR SENATE BILL 217

An Act relating to participation in a negotiating unit by principal-teachers

This bill amends the statutes relating to Teachers and School Officials by giving principal-teachers the authority to choose whether they wish to form their own union, join a teachers association or neither.

There is no fiscal impact.

Alaska State Legislature

SENATOR

John C. Sackett

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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: March 20, 1985

To: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp
Chair - Health, Education and Social Services

Members of the HESS Committee

From: Senator John C. Sackett *JS*

Subj: SB-217, an Act relating to participation in a negotiating unit by administrators who also teach.

Attached, is a letter I received from Joe B. Cooper, Superintendent of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District. Superintendent Cooper's letter clearly outlines the need for the above referenced legislation.

In the Yukon-Koyukuk School District, as well as other districts throughout the State, and particularly in rural school districts, many employees serve as both teachers and administrators. In the YKSD, teacher-administrators do just about everything an administrator does with the exception of teacher evaluations which they are not permitted to do. Teacher-administrators have opted out of the teachers association and have formed their own negotiating group. The Department of Education feels that existing law already permits teacher-administrators to opt out of the teachers association but as you can see by Mr. Cooper's letter, the teacher's union continues a law suit against the school district because the district has not required the teacher-administrators to be represented by the teacher's association.

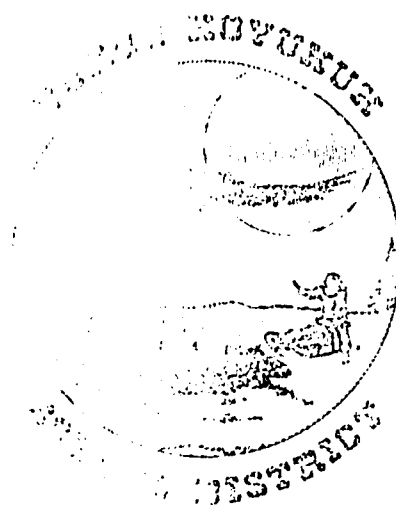
SB-217, simply gives statutory authority to teacher-administrators to make their own choice as to whether they wish to form their own negotiating unit or stay with the teacher's association. I believe they should have that right of free choice.

I would ask for your approval of SB-217. Thank you.

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Joe B. Cooper Ed.D.
Superintendent



February 22, 1985

Senator John Sackett
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Dear Senator *John*

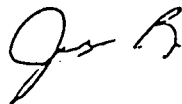
I am not sure if I mentioned to you or not but the teacher's union through the State NEA office in Fairbanks is suing the school district because we have refused to require the Principal-Teachers in the district to be represented by the teacher's association. The board has recognized and met with the Principal-Teachers and Principals of the district as a unit of their own and have reached agreement with them. We have since reached agreement with the Teacher's Association on a three year contract but they are still pursuing the law suit trying to force us to let them represent the Principal-Teachers in the district. The Principal-Teachers in our district by secret election have opted out and desire to be represented by their own group. The State Law regarding opting out of the Teachers Union is very unclear in that it states that Principals and Assistant Principals as well as other Administrative types may opt out of the teachers union bargaining group, however, the Teacher's union is maintaining that Principal-Teachers are not Administrators.

I would like to request that you consider an amendment to that current law which would simply allow Principal-Teachers to be included in the group that can opt out. We are not asking that they be denied the right to collective bargaining, but only allow them to decide what group would represent them in collective bargaining. There would be nothing to prevent them from going with the Teacher's Association if that was their wish or they could be represented by their own group. To me, I know the Teacher's Union will totally oppose this. However, I don't see how they can get much support for forcing some group to be represented by them that wishes other representation.

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Senator Sackett
February 22, 1985

If you have any questions or thoughts on this, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe B.", is positioned above the typed name.

Joe B. Cooper, Ed.D.
Superintendent

JBC/vls

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Chairman
Dr. Lee
Chairman recommendation