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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEXT COMMITTEE: HESS

BILL: SB 395

CURRENT VERSION: CS SB 395 (HESS)

SCHEDULED: MAY 2, 1988

SPONSOR: FISCHER

PHONE NO: 3791

CONTACT FILE: _____

BILL SUBJECT: RELATING TO THE SCHOOL TERM

SPONSOR BACKUP: IN FILES

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
EDUCATION	STEVE HOLE/2800	

CONTACT:

BOB BELL, HEAD TEACHER, RUSSIAN SCHOOL, 235-6870

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 88 AMT</u>	<u>FY 89 AMT</u>
EDUCATION		2/11/88	-0-	-0-

ACTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
5/2/88	PASSED FROM HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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May, 1988

Copies of minutes listed below were originally included in this file. The minutes are available on the STAIRS database CMPR. In order to save space copies of minutes have not been left in the files.

Mary Van Nimwegen

HSA

5-2-88

4:00 p.m.

Alaska State Legislature

Senator Paul Fischer
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State Senate

While in Juneau
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April 16, 1988

I am taking this opportunity to write to clarify some misconceptions that have arisen from Senate Bill 395, an act relating to the school term. A copy of the bill is on the reverse side of this letter.

Certain children throughout the State of Alaska receive less than the standard 180 days of instruction that is mandated by law. Some of these absences are attributed to the subsistence lifestyles of parents requiring hunting and fishing time, as well as commercial fishing. The current law does not make allowances for these absences, and schools just show the children absent. The children lose valuable educational opportunities that are often not addressed.

SB 395 simply gives the local school board the discretion to adjust the school day to accommodate the different lifestyle needs of students. Current law allows adjustments for correcting asbestos problems. Conditions such as frozen pipes, flooding and lack of heat would also apply under this change. Changes must be approved by the Commissioner of Education to insure the changes remain within the guidelines of state law.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me in Juneau. I will accept collect calls.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Fischer".

Senator Paul A. Fischer

PAF/ssw

SB 395 Information

Alaska Association of Student Governments met this last week in Anchorage at West High School. There were approximately 250 students in attendance and over 26 schools represented. Weather did not permit some school's scheduled to arrive in time.

Schools that were definitely in attendance:

Giennallen
Kotzebue
Shevak
Mt. Village
Dillingham
Tok

Unalaska
Kodiak
Kenai
Soldotna
Homer
Seward
Seldovia
Nikolaevsk
Sitka
Juneau
Metlakatla
4 from Anchorage
West, East, Service, Bartlett
Lathrop
North Pole
Eielson
Monroe
Bethel
Ketchikan

Several smaller schools were in attendance, I don't have the names at this time.

AASG brought SB 395 before this body of student governments and after some discussion passed a resolution in favor of this legislation.

STATE OF ALASKA
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CS SB 395 (HESS)
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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: one relating to the
SCHOOL term
Sponsor: Sen Fischer
Requestor: Senate HESS

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Steve Hoke

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Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 2-10-88

Approved by Commissioner: William S. Drameit Date: 2-10-88
Agency: Education

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