

SB

2

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of _____ 5-DAY NOTICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER: FINANCE

**FISCAL NOTE(S) ATTACHED _____ **
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035
(see below)

1/19/87

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE _____

Mr. President:

_____ HESS _____ Committee considered S. _____

relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; efd.

and recommended:

[] replace with CS _____ [] same title
[] attached amendment(s) and [] new title

[] *majority* do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendation

[] individual recommendations

[] further referral to _____

[] letter of intent adopted and attached

** Committee [] attached or [] adopted fiscal note(s)
[] zero [] fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Lloyd Jones

Joe Amernick

Rich Halford

* HESS 4 DP

TO FIN

Φ EN published 2/2/87

Paul Frick Do Pass
Chairman signature and recommendation

[x] Committee Backup Attached

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Bill Version: SB-2
Publish Date: _____

REQUEST: _____
Revision Date: _____
Title: ...deadlines for action on
funding of public education...
Sponsor: Senator Abood
Requestor: Senate HESS

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: K-12, Debt Retirement
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The bill has no fiscal impact on this department.

Prepared by: Steve Hole
Division: Commissioner's Office

Phone: 465-2800
Date: January 23, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: Marshall L. Lind
Agency: Education

Date: January 23, 1987

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

COMMITTEE BILL FILE WORK-UP ON:

Bill #: SB2 Ed Funding Deadlines
Sponsor: Aboud
Room #: _____ Phone #: 4714

- 1/23 1 Receive Original Bill and Log In.
- 1/23 2 Duplicate Work Copies for Committee File and Senator's File.
- 1/23 3 File Original Bill in Special Locking File.
- 1/23 4 Set-Up Weekly Schedule of Hearings (2 Weeks in Advance if possible).
- 1/23 5 Notify Senate Secretary (5 Day Rule Applies - Allows Time to Get it Printed in Journal). A Copy of the Committee Agenda is Sufficient. *Londi*
- _____ 6 Move Work File to "Active" File Drawer.
- _____ 7 Notify the Following Persons of the Hearing Date:

1/23 Committee Members Aboud 4714 Department Ed Steve Holy
Liaisons (Henderson)

Bill Sponsor _____ Governor _____
If Necessary _____

- 1/22 (Only) 8 Request Back-Up Information from Bill Sponsor As Soon As Possible.
- 1/22 " 9 Request Witness Roster of Persons the Sponsor Has Notified or Desires to Have Notified. *Position Papers from NEA, Sch Bd's Bob Green etc. Not attending. (Daska)*
- 1/23 (Ed) 10 If First Committee of Referral, Request Fiscal Note from Pertinent Department Liaison(s) for each bill change (ie. SS, CS etc) - (5 Day Rule Applies).
Randall
- _____ 11 If Necessary, Prepare or Request Sectional Analysis from Legal (3867) when pertinent for each change (ie. SS, CS etc). This is Pretty Much a Judgement Call.
- _____ 12 Research and Prepare Back-Up Material as Necessary.
- _____ 13 Prepare Committee Files (8 Copies: 1 ea for: Committee Members, Committee Aide, Senate Pool Secretary).
- _____ 14 Prepare 10-15 Copies of All Documents to Hand Out to Public During the Hearing (ie. Bill, Short Synopsis, Others at Sponsor's Request).
- _____ 15 Distribute Committee Agenda (Schedule).
- _____ 16 If Requested, Provide Files As Soon As Possible On the Day of the Hearing. Otherwise, Provide the Files at the Beginning of the Hearing in the Committee Room.

1/30 to Senate Secretary - Passed Out

WITNESS ROSTER WORK SHEET

SB 2 - Deadline for Ed Funding 1/30/87
Bill # Title Date of Hearing

1. Name: Bob Cooksey
Address: NEA AK Phone #: _____
Representing: _____ Title: _____
2. Name: Bob Green
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: Sch. Board Rep. Title: _____
3. Name: Bill Miles
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: Arch Sch Dist Title: _____
4. Name: Dorothy Jones
Address: _____ Palmer Phone #: _____
Representing: Mat-Su Borough Title: _____
5. Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: _____ Title: _____
6. Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: _____ Title: _____
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Representing: _____ Title: _____
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11. Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: _____ Title: _____
12. Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Representing: _____ Title: _____

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS FOR SB 2

"An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

SECTION 1 - Adds language which would set a deadline, of March 16, for passage of an education budget for the next fiscal year, including funds for the school construction account.

SECTION 2 - Changes the date from April 1 to April 15 for the borough school board to submit the following fiscal year's school budget to the borough assembly.

SECTION 3 - Adds language which would set a deadline, of March 16, for passage of an education budget for the school foundation account.

SECTION 4 - Includes, as a responsibility of the legislature, the appropriation of money for public education no later than March 16 for the following fiscal year.

SECTION 5 - Effective date of July 1, 1987.

BASIS

A/R Alaska Statute

A 14.11.100(C)

A 14.14.060(C)

A 14.17.225(B)

A 37.07.030

Statutes Modified by SB 2

A/R Alaska Statute

A/R Alaska Statute

Selection=>

PF1	PF2	PF3	PF4	PF5	PF6	PF7	PF8	PF9	PF10	PF11	PF12
HELP		EXIT	MENU			BWD	FWD		FIRST	LAST	QUIT

Municipality of Anchorage

MEMORANDUM

D for
SB 2
(signature)

DATE: January 27, 1987
TO: Senator Mitch Abood
FROM: Assembly Budget Analyst
SUBJECT: SB 2

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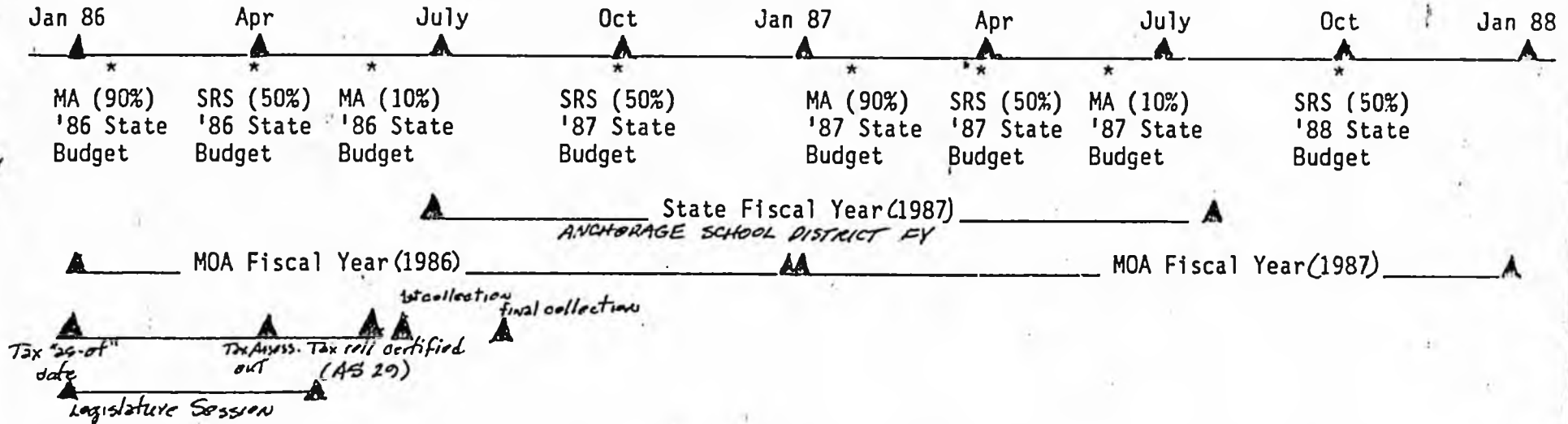
Respectfully submitted,

(Signature)
Joe Griffith, Jr.

1 Attachment
Graphic display of Municipal budget process.

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET



Municipal Assistance (MA) payments received in February and June. MOA receives payment in the same numbered fiscal year as the State budget appropriating the funds. February payment is approximately 90% of the appropriated amount. Remainder in June subsequent to State receipt of data from all communities.

State Revenue Sharing (SRS) payments received in April and October of each year. From the State perspective, the first payment each fiscal year occurs in October and the second in April. Current State procedures (new for the State FY87 budget) evenly divides the appropriation between the two payments. Due to the overlapping fiscal years, each MOA fiscal year contains a Revenue Sharing payment from two State appropriations. The State Budget is generally passed in May.

Jan 30, 1987	Delivery of budget materials to School Board
Feb 2-6, 1987	Delivery of budget materials to: Budget Advisory Commission Schools and Departments Municipality of Anchorage Employee Bargaining Groups Libraries
Feb 3-12, 1987	Public Hearings on Preliminary Financial Plan Feb 3 (Tuesday) - 1st Hearing Feb 5 (Thursday) - 2nd Hearing Feb 10 (Tuesday) - 3rd Hearing Feb 12 (Thursday) - 4th Hearing
Feb 17, 1987	First School Board Reading (Tuesday)
Feb 24, 1987	Final Reading and Approval (Tuesday)
Feb 25-March 24	Revision of Preliminary Financial Plan (similar process to that of Jan 12 - Jan 31, 1987)
March 25-26, 1987	Printing of Proposed Financial Plan, Financial Plan Summary, and related budget materials
March 27, 1987	Delivery of Proposed Financial Plan, etc. to Municipal Assembly
April 1987	Municipal Assembly review, public hearings, and approval
May-June 1987	Revisions to Proposed Financial Plan expenditure budgets and revenue budget Preparation of Adopted Financial Plan
July-August 1987	Printing and distribution of Adopted Financial Plan

WITNESS LIST

SB 2 "An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

Lee Sharp, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Attorney	745-9682
Bob Greene, Association of Alaska School Boards	586-1083
Bob Manners, National Education Association	586-3090
Joe Griffith, Municipality of Anchorage, Budget Analyst	264-4750
Dorothy Jones, Mayor, Matanuska-Susitna Valley	745-9682
Tom Freeman, Anchorage School District	333-9561

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ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

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December 4, 1986

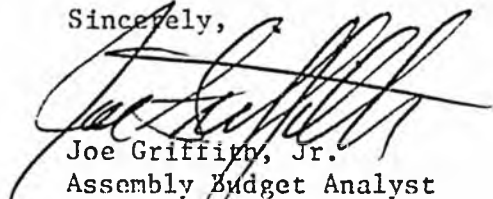
Senator Mitch Abood
Senate District G-A
1024 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Senator Abood:

It was my pleasure to work with you on the revision of Title 14. I believe the document you have drafted will do much to solve various school district's difficulties; however, it may be difficult to get it through the Legislature.

Best of luck in the upcoming session and do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of further service.

Sincerely,


Joe Griffith, Jr.
Assembly Budget Analyst

JG:jn

Municipality of Anchorage

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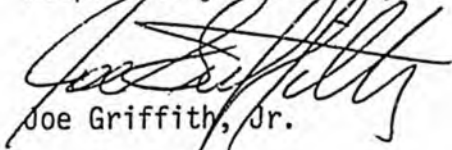
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ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS

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December 2, 1986

Mitch Abood, Senator
1024 West 6th Avenue
Room 110
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Senator Abood:

I have received the draft legislation you sent me relative to establishing a deadline for legislative action on state funding of public education.

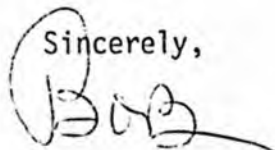
The draft looks fine to me with one apparent omission. I was under the impression that we were also going to consider moving the date contained in A.S. 14.14.060(c) to April fifteen instead of April one. I also recall that we discussed the language in that same section to read, ...for approval of the local effort. [total amount].

It was sort of my recollection that the Mat-Su folks thought that was O.K. Lee Sharp gave me that impression, anyway.

If this complicates anything, let me know.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert C. Greene
Executive Director

Alaska State Legislature

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Senator Mitch Abood
SENATE DISTRICT G-A

November 20, 1986

Mr. Bob Cooksey
NEA-Alaska
147 S Franklin #407
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Bob:

Enclosed you will find the completed draft resulting from our recent meeting to discuss the education budget timelines.

I would appreciate your reviewing the draft and responding, with a letter to my office, no later than December 15, either approving or disapproving of the language. If you detect an error or have a question, please indicate it on the draft and return it with your letter. On the other hand, if you approve of the draft, please return the draft with an okay, signature, and date. Any back-up material or position papers which you would like to include with the bill package should be included with the returned draft -- as you are well aware, any additional information that can be provided to simplify explanation of the bill is helpful.

Thank you again for your time spent working with myself and the other individuals present at the meetings. Hopefully everyone's effort will pay off with an improvement to the education budgeting process.

Kindest regards,

Mitch Abood
Mitch Abood
Senator

/ds

Enclosure (1)

Mitch, the draft looks good to me. Can support as is; however, if this version can't fly, hopefully we can support changes which would accomplish the same purpose -- (ie) -- make the school funding decision early.

Thank you again for including me in your effort with this issue.
Bob Cooksey

Alaska State Legislat

*Lee,
Dorothy would
like you to initial &
do you concur w/ her
statement? Return
to Dorothy.*

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November 20, 1986

The Honorable Dorothy Jones
Mayor, Mat-Su Borough
P.O. Box 1608
Palmer, AK 99645

*Dorothy
Looks good
this action date
would be helpful
in setting mill
levies.
John*

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E.E. (Gene) Davis, Ed.D.

December 9, 1986

The Honorable Mitch Abood
Alaska State Legislature
1024 West Sixth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Abood:

In regards to your letter of November 20 the following is suggested:

1. The community schools' funding should probably be included as revenue under Section 37.07.030.
2. Also note that the present statute states that city and borough school districts must submit their budgets not later than April 1 of each year to the local governments. At one point we discussed making that date April 15. This would allow the school districts ample time to make changes to their budgets.

Thank you for taking the lead in this particular problem. I believe it will help not only school districts but local governments and legislators. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

L. T. Freeman
Assistant Superintendent
for Business Management

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The Honorable Mitch Abood
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Dear Senator Abood:

Thank you for considering the Anchorage School District to assist in this much needed legislation.

I believe that the timelines of this bill will assist school districts throughout the State in arriving at their budget figures.

If there is any further information you need, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

E. E. (Gene) Davis, Ed.D.
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cc L. T. Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, Business Management

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Senator Mitch Abood
SENATE DISTRICT G-A

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 1987

TO: Senator Paul Fischer
Chairman, Senate Health, Education, and Social Services
Committee

FROM: Senator Mitch Abood *M.A.*

RE: SB 2 "An Act relating to deadlines for action on
funding of public education; and providing for an
effective date."

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Should you have any questions, please give me a call.



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January 26, 1987

To: Senator Mitch Abood, Chair
Members, Senate State Affairs Committee

Re: Senate Bill No. 2, "An Act relating to dead-
lines for action on funding of public educa-
tion; and providing for an effective date."

NEA-Alaska strongly supports and encourages
passage of this legislation.

Because local school district budgets are so
dependent on the level of state funding support, it
is essential that they know as early in the budget
process as possible the level of State support.
Effective program planning, collective bargaining
relationships, and determination of the ability of
the district to meet unique needs are all directly
impacted by State funding decisions.

Further, the calendar chronology relative to
the submission of school district budgets to the
borough assembly is adversely effected when this
submission must be done absent accurate knowledge of
the State funding support.

SB 2 correctly focuses on the need for earlier
knowledge of these levels of support. To move any
of these dates "down" the calendar delays important
decision making and makes the entire planning
process far less effective than it needs to be.

We encourage your support of SB 2.

Respectively Submitted

Robert Manners,
Executive Secretary

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January 30, 1987

Senator Paul Fischer, Chairman
Members, Senate Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Committee Members:

The Association of Alaska School Boards would like to go on record as supporting S.B. 2 relating to deadlines for action on funding for public education.

This bill effectively deals with one of the most significant problems facing school districts today. While it, in itself, will not solve all the problems Alaskan districts are currently facing, it will eliminate the uncertainty of funding levels that exists under the present system. With this obstacle out of the way, districts will be able to work out a number of their budget problems.

The timelines in this bill are particularly beneficial. These timelines would permit district budgeting to go on after the level of funding is established by the state. There is sufficient time between budget steps to permit both districts and municipalities to consider the budgets and a reasonable timeline is established for submittal of budgets to the state.

It is important to note that the bill addresses not only operating funds but also debt retirement funds. While debt retirement funds do not directly impact the school district budget, it has a definite indirect impact because the municipality needs to know this level of state support before it can establish the local level of support for schools.

The Association of Alaska School Boards would urge early consideration and passage of this important piece of legislation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ROBERT C. GREENE". The signature is stylized with large, bold letters and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert C. Greene
Executive Director



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To: Senator Paul Fischer, Chair
Members, Senate Health, Education & Social
Services Committee

Re: Senate Bill No. 2, "An Act relating to dead-
lines for action on funding of public educa-
tion; and providing for an effective date."

NEA-Alaska strongly supports and encourages
passage of this legislation.

Because local school district budgets are so
dependent on the level of state funding support, it
is essential that they know as early in the budget
process as possible the level of State support.
Effective program planning, collective bargaining
relationships, and determination of the ability of
the district to meet unique needs are all directly
impacted by State funding decisions.

Further, the calendar chronology relative to
the submission of school district budgets to the
borough assembly is adversely effected when this
submission must be done absent accurate knowledge of
the State funding support.

SB 2 correctly focuses on the need for earlier
knowledge of these levels of support. To move any
of these dates "down" the calendar delays important
decision making and makes the entire planning
process far less effective than it needs to be.

We encourage your support of SB 2.

Respectively Submitted

Robert Manners
Robert Manners,
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