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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT 716

(11)

Date Referred: February 20, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 282

HOUSE BILL NO. 282 LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"An Act relating to local administration of public schools."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- [] be replaced with CS HB 282 (FIN) [] the same title
- [] have attached amendment(s) [] a new title
- [] do pass
- [] do not pass
- [] no recommendation
- [] individual recommendations
- [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Date/Dept)

- [] fiscal impact _____ [] fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fiscal note _____ [] zero fiscal note(s) DoE 2/20/90
- [] zero with analysis _____ [] zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

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SIGNING:
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STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1
BILL VERSION: CSHB 282 (HESS)
PUBLISH DATE: HOUSE 2/20/90

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Relating to local administration
of public schools
Sponsor: Koponen, Bover and Ulmer
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: K-12 Support
Components: Foundation

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Agency: Education

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor

Adopted

Original sponsor(s): REP. KOPONEN, Boyer, Ulmer

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to cooperation between school dis-
7 tricts for educational and administrative services
8 and to the employment of chief school administra-
9 tors."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 14.14.110(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) When necessary to provide more efficient or more economical
13 educational services, a district may cooperate or the department may
14 require a district to cooperate with other districts, state-operated
15 schools, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs in providing educational or
16 administrative services [OR IN ESTABLISHING BOARDING AND TUITION
17 ARRANGEMENTS, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PUPILS OR TEACHERS, OR
18 OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS]. However, if a cooperative arrangement
19 requires pupils to live away from their usual homes, the school board
20 shall provide classes within the attendance area when there are at
21 least eight children eligible to attend elementary and secondary
22 school in the attendance area. In this subsection

23 (1) "administrative services" includes supervisory, mainte-
24 nance, purchasing, or other services that are required for unified
25 administration; and

26 (2) "educational services" includes boarding and tuition
27 arrangements, pupil or teacher exchanges, special education services,
28 or curriculum development.

29 * Sec. 2. AS 14.14.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (d) The department shall annually report to the legislature on
2 the cooperative arrangements entered into under (a) of this section,
3 and shall include in the report the estimated cost savings resulting
4 from the cooperative arrangements.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 14.14.130(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Each school board shall select and employ a qualified person
7 as the chief school administrator for the district. In this subsec-
8 tion, "employ" includes employment by contract.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 14.14.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (d) This section does not prohibit two or more school districts
11 from sharing the services of a chief school administrator.
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

As state finances grow tighter and individual school district expenses grow less predictable, the economic downside of local control appears. We have created 55 separate school districts each with the authority to create an entire administrative structure, including superintendent business manager, purchasing, etc. In small districts such expenditures can absorb over fifty percent of the budget, leaving less for the direct classroom services for the pupils for whom we have created the schools and the Foundation Funding Program.

Other states, faced with the same problem, have tried a variety of solutions. This proposal preserves the authority and powers of each locally elected school board, but permits them to voluntarily join together to provide any given service or services both to save money or to organize programs no one small district can provide alone. In other states these arrangements are called "Union School District", "Cooperating School Districts", "Boards of Cooperative Education Services", etc. and run the gambit from several districts that jointly hire a superintendent and administrative staff to joint provision of single services such special education. The bill is drafted to afford the greatest flexibility to local districts in Alaska, rather than prejudging the areas in which they may choose to develop joint programs.