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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred: January 24, 1990
(taken from Rules)

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/14/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 4

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

DEADLINES FOR FUNDING EDUCATION

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- [] be replaced with CS HB 4 (2d 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 _____
- [] zero fiscal note H. FIN CMTE.
- [] zero with analysis _____

- [] fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

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PASS No Rec Amend

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Deadlines for funding education

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: _____

Sponsor: Rep. Swackhammer
Requestor: House Finance Committee

Components: _____

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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: House Finance Committee Phone: 465-3727
 Division: Co-Chairman Ron Larson *Ronald Larson* Date: 1/31/90
 Approved by Commissioner: Co-Chairman Lyman Hoffman *Lyman Hoffman* Date: _____
 Agency: _____

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsor(s): REP. SWACKHAMMER, Ellis, Navarre, Miller, Ulmer,
Boucher, Hanley, Zawacki

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4 (2d 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 deadlines for the borough school
7 board to submit a school budget to the borough assem-
8 bly and for the borough assembly to appropriate money
9 for schools."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 14.14.060(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) The borough school board shall submit the school budget for
13 the following school year to the borough assembly by May 15 [APRIL 1]
14 for approval of the total amount. Within 30 days after receipt of the
15 budget, the assembly shall determine the total amount of money to be
16 made available from local sources for school purposes and shall fur-
17 nish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made avail-
18 able. If the assembly does not, within 30 days, furnish the school
19 board with a statement of the sum to be made available, the amount
20 requested in the budget is automatically approved. By June 30
21 [MAY 31], the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made avail-
22 able from local sources from money available for the purpose.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: January 20, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/21/89

The FINANCE Committee recommends that:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 [DEADLINES FOR FUNDING EDUCATION]
"An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education;
and providing for an effective date."

be replaced with CS HB 4 (Fin.) the same title
 new title

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do pass
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 no recommendation
 individual recommendations
 additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) published:
- zero fiscal notes(s) published:
1/20/89

SIGNING DO PASS:

R.C. Phillips PHILLIPS
Tan Brown BROWN
Harjoon KUOPONEN
Barbara Barnes BARNES
Dick Shultz SHULTZ
Steve Swack SWACK

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

^{WALLS} F. Kay Wallis do not pass
too big part of state budget,
too early to determine if we
can afford.

^{HOFFMAN} [Signature] (No Rec)
^{LARSON} [Signature] (NO Rec)

Ronald J. [Signature]
Chairman's signature

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Deadlines for Action on Funding
Public Education
Sponsor: Swackhammer, Ellis, et.al
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: K-12 Support, School Debt
Reimbursement
Components: Foundation, Pupil Transportation,
Student Lunch, Youth in Detention, et.al

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
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LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
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TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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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)

Prepared by: Mary Hakala Phone: 505-2800
Division: Commissioner's Office Date: Jan. 10, 1989
Approved by Commissioner: William G. Demmert Date: 1/12/89
Agency: Education

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsors: Swackhammer, Ellis,
Navarre, et al.

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding
7 of public education; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.11.100(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) The school construction account is established. Funds to
12 carry out the provisions of this section may be appropriated annually
13 by the legislature to the account. Before April 7 the legislature
14 shall appropriate funds to school districts under this section for the
15 next fiscal year. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the
16 purpose of providing the share to which a borough or city is entitled
17 under this section, those funds that are available shall be distribut-
18 ed pro rata among the eligible local governments except that the
19 legislature may direct that additional debt service on refunding bonds
20 that exceeds the total debt service on the refunded bonds be disre-
21 garded in whole or in part.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 14.14.060(c) is amended to read:

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24 the following school year to the borough assembly by April 30
25 [APRIL 1] for approval of the total amount. Within 30 days after
26 receipt of the budget the assembly shall determine the total amount of
27 money to be made available from local sources for school purposes and
28 shall furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made
29 available. If the assembly does not, within 30 days, furnish the

1 school board with a statement of the sum to be made available, the
2 amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. By May 31,
3 the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made available from
4 local sources from money available for the purpose.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 14.17.225(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Money to carry out the provisions of AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.-
7 190 may be appropriated annually by the legislature into the public
8 school foundation account. Before April 7 the legislature shall
9 appropriate funds for direct and indirect services and other funding
10 under this chapter for the next fiscal year. If amounts in the ac-
11 count are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under
12 AS 14.17.010 - 14.17.190 for a fiscal year, each district's basic need
13 shall be reduced pro rata as necessary to make the funds available
14 sufficient to meet the allocations for that fiscal year.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 37.07.030 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 37.07.030. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE. The legis-
17 lature shall

18 (1) provide for a budget review function;

19 (2) analyze the comprehensive operating and capital im-
20 provements programs and financial plans recommended by the governor;

21 (3) adopt legislation to authorize implementation of the
22 governor's comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs
23 and financial plans or appropriate alternatives to those plans;

24 (4) provide for a post-audit function to cover financial
25 transactions, program accomplishment, and compliance with legislative
26 intent;

27 (5) adopt or revise the estimate or receipts required to
28 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget in order that proposed
29 expenditures do not exceed estimated receipts for that fiscal year;

1 (6) adopt, revise, or initiate revenue measures in order to
2 balance the succeeding fiscal year's budget and the capital improve-
3 ments section of the budget for the succeeding six years;

4 (7) appropriate money for public school construction debt
5 retirement under AS 14.11.100, public school foundation program under
6 AS 14.17, pupil transportation, student lunch program, cigarette tax
7 distribution, tuition students, boarding home grants, youth in deten-
8 tion, and schools for the handicapped before April 7 of each year for
9 the succeeding fiscal year.

10 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.
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February 13, 1989

The Honorable Ronald L. Larson
 State Representative
 Alaska House of Representatives
 P. O. Box V
 Juneau AK 99811

Dear Representative Larson:

I am extremely concerned that as it gets later into this session of the Legislature more bills are being passed that reduce the funds available to adequately fund the school foundation program which is the heart and soul of Alaska's educational system. Since it is the constitutional responsibility of State Government to provide for the education of the children in our State, I feel it is critical that legislation appropriating necessary funding to our schools be passed as early as possible while there are still funds available to take care of this very important responsibility.

I realize the difficulty in making these very important decisions at a time when funds are very limited and I also realize the importance of other State programs that benefit our citizens. However, I urge your support of stable funding for our educational system.

Any consideration given my concern is very much appreciated. Best wishes to you as you decide on these very important issues on behalf of Alaska's citizens.

Sincerely,

Edward K. Thomas
 President

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January 30, 1989

To: Representatives Ron Larson, Lyman Hoffman; Co-Chairs
Members, House Finance Committee

Re: House Bill No. 4; "An Act relating to deadlines for action on funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

NEA-Alaska supports and encourages your expeditious attention to HB 4.

Until we have real and meaningful forward funding of public education in Alaska this kind of legislation is essential to the continuity of programs and services in public schools.

Local school district budgets are heavily dependent on the level of state financial support. They require early knowledge of the amount of support in their budget building process so that program planning, staffing levels, and collective bargaining can be done on the basis of reliable financial data.

Quality education requires informed decision making. Specific program needs, class sizes, teacher load and preparations and the types of classes and course options which can be available to students derive directly from the information which is the basis of financial support.

On page 2, line 10 of SB 10, we suggest the addition of a sentence which would provide that if the legislature fails to make an appropriation as required by this legislation before March 14 that the previous fiscal year appropriation for funding under this chapter would automatically be approved for the subsequent fiscal year.

Such a provision would serve to encourage expeditious attention by the legislature.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Manners
Executive Secretary

cc: Rep. Swackhammer



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ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS

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POSITION PAPER

HB 4: EARLY FUNDING

The Association of Alaska School Boards supports and encourages passage of HB 4, an early funding bill.

AASB encourages the legislature to determine the funding level for education for the following fiscal year prior to April 7 to allow school districts adequate time for planning and budget preparation before submission to the Department of Education.

AASB also supports modification of the due date for submission of a municipal school district budget to the municipal government to coincide with the April 7 deadline.

Early planning of programs, staffing and procurement of supplies, equipment and maintenance are critical for providing students with quality education. The ability to plan wisely is largely dependent on knowing what the available financial resources will be early in the planning process.

Prior to 1988, determination of the following year's funding level has not been made by the Legislature until the end of the Legislative session. Districts around the state applaud the early funding knowledge provided by the Legislature last year, and encourage passage of a bill to establish this as a standard practice.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Ron Larson and Rep. Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chairs
and Members of the House Finance Committee

FROM: Jim Nordlund, Professional Assistant
House HESS Committee *JN*

RE: Education funding proposals

DATE: February 14, 1989

As requested by Rep. Koponen at the House Finance hearing on HB 4, deadlines for funding education, I am providing you with a copy of the House HESS education funding subcommittee report which was adopted by the HESS Committee last year.

If I can provide any further assistance, please feel free to call on me. I can be reached at 465-3759.



Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: House HESS Committee Members

FROM: Reps. Johnny Ellis, Niilo Koponen, Bill Hudson

RE: Education Funding Subcommittee Report

DATE: March 22, 1988

The HESS Subcommittee on Education Funding has considered several measures dealing with the funding of elementary and secondary schools. This memo explains our recommendations.

Funding for Alaska's public school system has been an unfortunate victim of the state's declining revenues. Within a two year span, FY 86 - FY 88, state aid to public schools through the Foundation Program has been reduced from \$490 million to \$410 million. The \$80 million represents a 16.3% cut. At the same time the state's student population has declined by only 1%. Such drastic cuts are having a significant impact on the quality of education in Alaska. Class sizes are increasing, staffs are being reduced and programs are being eliminated.

Another problem that has plagued the school system for years has been one of budget uncertainty. School districts are expected to finalize their budget requests to municipal assemblies or councils by April 1st of each year, without knowing their state funding levels. Budget deliberations have to be repeated two or three times, often eroding the credibility of the process. Due to the uncertainty, good teachers are often unnecessarily dismissed since school districts must notify tenured teachers of their employment status by March 16th.

The Subcommittee has considered several options to deal with the funding cutbacks and budget uncertainties. Early, certain, full, additional and forward funding are all catch words to characterize the approaches that have been suggested.

Early funding was accomplished this year by the legislature in the form of SB 330, and has yet to be signed by the Governor. This bill, if signed, will give certainly to school districts of state funding levels approximately three months earlier than usual. This early/certain bill also provides full funding for the three major entitlement programs: the foundation program, construction debt reimbursement, and pupil transportation. Full, in this case, means the amounts equal to those prescribed by law. A bill similar to SB 330 would need to pass each year in order for the school districts to be certain of state funding earlier than June. Such a bill may or may not constitute full funding and may or may not address the three programs.

The Subcommittee searched for a better mechanism to ensure full funding on a yearly basis. If full funding could be achieved each year, and counted upon, then the funding level would always be certain, (based on a district's ADM x the instructional unit value) thus obviating the need for an early appropriation measure outside of the operating budget.

Funding uncertainties in education have been due to unanticipated decreases or increases in state revenue and by vacillating school enrollments (ADMs). Through no fault of the legislature, funding is sometimes not full due to these variables. Without funds to draw upon to make the funding level full, either before the budget year or during the budget year as a supplemental appropriation, there will be budget uncertainties. Thus the subcommittee strongly endorses the idea of an education buffer fund. Appropriations from this special fund could be made to make the marginal adjustments necessary in order to assure full, certain funding each year. Early funding would not be necessary because districts could count on full funding each year due to the existence of this supplemental funding source. This proposal would also accomplish the objectives of forward funding, but at much less cost.

Governor Cowper's bill, HB 407, provides \$60 to \$70 million of badly needed additional funding for education, which is actually a partial restoration of previous cuts. The Subcommittee found several problems with the bill, deliberated upon them, considered several amendments and now strongly recommends the attached committee substitute. As amended the bill now answers two fundamental questions of the original version: What assurances are there that these funds will truly be additional funds for education; that general funds would not be backed out of education thus enabling these permanent fund earnings to supplement the general fund as a whole? And, what is the purpose for these additional dollars?

The first question is answered by an amendment to increase the instructional unit value by \$4,950, which would require approximately \$50 million to fully fund. This is the best guarantee that the funds would truly be additional. This amendment also partially answers the second question. Most of the extra money would go through the state's primary funding mechanism, the foundation program. This would be a partial restoration of the previous two years' cuts. The remaining money, \$10 to \$20 million, could be used for school construction to reduce pupil/teacher ratios, if necessary, or for other special projects.

Under this plan, two years worth of earnings, after dividends, would go into the school account. Since there would be no appropriation until after the second year, due to the necessary wait for the advisory vote, there would accrue earnings of approximately \$100 million before legislative appropriation. The extra \$30 million could serve as a buffer account, serving the purposes mentioned above.

Thus, after amendment, HB 407 can be viewed as an additional, full, and certain funding proposal. It also mandates pupil/teacher ratios in grades K-3, and allows for an advisory vote of the people.

The Subcommittee discussed at length an amendment to make the advisory question a binding vote of the people amending the constitution to make the school account a dedicated fund for education. At the level of \$70 million per year, a dedicated funding source would not be that helpful since the annual total aid to schools is over \$500 million. Also, there would be no guarantee that the \$70 million would not supplant education dollars from the general fund. Governor Cowper is adamantly opposed to a constitutional amendment at this time.

In a similar vein there was concern that, since permanent fund earnings were being used for state operation for the first time, adequate checks and balances would allow considerable care and due regard for this historic action. As HB 407 is proposed by the Subcommittee, permanent fund earnings would not be spent until, 1) the bill passed, 2) a positive vote of the people, 3) affirmative action by the legislature next session to repeal the repealer clause in the bill, and 4) annual legislative appropriations from the school account earnings to education programs.

The Subcommittee also amended the bill to simplify the ballot question and to make it clear to the voters that they were voting on the expenditure of permanent fund earnings.

In addition to the new draft for HB 407, the Subcommittee also recommends the passage of HB 378, creating a buffer

account, and HB 379 which is an appropriation to that account. While our first choice is to have a buffer as part of the Governor's school account, we suggest the passage of these bills as a backup measure in case HB 407 does not pass. HB 379 uses funds from the Dinkum Sands settlement instead of from permanent fund earnings.

The subcommittee also recommends the passage of HB 414, which reinstitutes a school tax. While the subcommittee had no philosophical objection to SB 2, regarding early funding, more work may need to be done on this bill. As it stands, the bill has no penalties if the legislature fails to pass an education budget by March 15th, as is required in the bill.

Finally, the Subcommittee considered HB 370, HB 376, HB 377 and HJR 54. None are recommended for passage.

HB4

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

August 23, 1988

SUBJECT: Education budget deadline
(Work Order No. 16-0073)

TO: Representative C. E. Swackhammer

FROM: Michael F. Ford *M.F.*
Legislative Counsel

I wanted to make sure you understand that the attached draft, while creating a statutory education funding date, does not remove the power of the legislature to appropriate money at a later date or choose to ignore the "deadline." Under Article IX, section 13 of the Alaska Constitution the legislature has total and absolute power to fund or not fund as the legislature chooses, subject of course to the governor's veto power. This power cannot be changed by statute, but could be changed by constitutional amendment. Note also that Article IX, section 8, prohibits, with certain very limited exceptions, the incurring of any state debt.

There are numerous examples of similar funding statutes, such as the requirement for funding bonded debt retirement contained in AS 14.11.100(a). However, none of these statutes bind the legislature to make an appropriation. The legislature may weigh competing public needs against available revenue and fund some items and not others, or fund at a lower level than established in statute. In short, the legislature cannot create by statute an enforceable right to appropriate funds by a certain date.

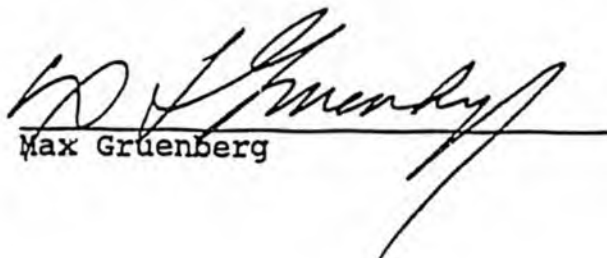
Please contact me if you have further questions.

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Attachment

SEPARATE VIEWS OF MAX GRUENBERG TO ACCOMPANY HB 4

I strongly support early funding of education. However, with the ongoing consideration of long-range budget planning legislation and the budget summit talks, passing an early funding statute early in this session may be premature. This bill should be considered as part of total state fiscal planning.


Max Gruenberg