

HB

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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(7)  
Date Referred: January 9, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS: FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 1-18-89

The HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES Committee recommends that:

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

[X] be replaced with CSHB 4 (HESS) [X] the same title  
[ ] a new title

[ ] have attached amendment(s)

- [X] do pass
- [ ] do not pass
- [ ] no recommendation
- [ ] individual recommendations
- [ ] additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- [ ] fiscal impact
- [X] zero fiscal note
- [ ] zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- [ ] fiscal note(s) published: \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] zero fiscal notes(s) published: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS:

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

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*W. Ellis*

*W. H. ...*

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*W. H. Boyer*

*Chris L. Davis*

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*MSF ... (written comments attached)*

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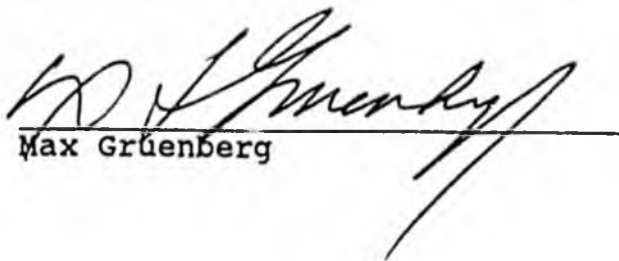
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*W. H. Ellis*

Chairman's signature

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

**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						
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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Approved by Commissioner: William G. Demmert Date: 1/11/89  
Agency: Education

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January 13, 1989

To: Rep. Johnny Ellis, Chair  
Members, House HESS 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 HB 4, 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*

Bob Manners  
Executive Secretary

cc: Rep. Swackhammer

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF HB 4

"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 13, 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 budget to the borough assembly.

SECTION 3 - Adds language which would set a deadline , of March 13, for passage of an education budget for the public school foundation account.

SECTION 4 - Includes, as a responsibility of the Legislature, the appropriation of money for public education no later than March 13 for the following fiscal year.

NOTE: See attached amendment.

SECTION 5 - Effective date of July 1, 1989.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY SWACKHAMMER

TO: HB 4

Page 3, line 6:

Delete "and for the secondary formula account"



ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS  
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ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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## POSITION STATEMENT

THE ALASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SUPPORTS HB 4, "AN ACT RELATING TO DEADLINES FOR ACTION ON FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

### rationale

Because of the need for good planning and staffing for the coming school year, it is important for districts to know as soon as possible, the amount of state foundation aid, pupil transportation funding, tuition and debt retirement.

It was felt by principals as well as other school administrators that the early notification this past year allowed a smoother closing of the current year and a good start on the new school year.

We support and urge the passage of HB 4.