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1 IN THE SENATE

*Note -  
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on bill*

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 143

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a deadline by which the legisla-  
7 ture must appropriate money to the public school  
8 foundation program; and providing for an effective  
9 date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 14.17.225(b) is amended to read:

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(b) No later than the 90th day of each legislative session, the

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legislature shall appropriate money [MONEY] to carry out the pro-

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visions of this chapter in the succeeding fiscal year [AS 14.17.010 --

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14.17.190 MAY BE APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY BY THE LEGISLATURE] into the

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public school foundation account (AS 14.17.010). If amounts in the

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account are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized under this

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chapter [AS 14.17.010 -- 14.17.190] for a fiscal year, each district's

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basic need shall be reduced pro rata as necessary to make the funds

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available sufficient to meet the allocations for that fiscal year.

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\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.

THE 90<sup>th</sup> DAY WOULD MAKE IT  
APRIL 8 THIS YEAR — LATER  
FOLLOWING A GOVERNATORIAL ELECTION.

HOW ABOUT AMENDING IT TO  
SAY 60<sup>th</sup> DAY — WOULD BE  
MAR 10 THIS YEAR —  
1 WEEK LATER IN 1991 S.

January 27, 1989

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SB 143 cont'd

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee and the Finance Committee.

Zero fiscal note published today from Department of Education.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 27:

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill providing for an early appropriation each legislative session to the public school foundation account. The bill would set a deadline of the 90th legislative day for the legislature to determine how much money it will appropriate into the public school foundation program for the succeeding fiscal year, and to make that appropriation.

The reason for the proposed change is simple. School districts need to know the level of funding they can expect for the following fiscal year much earlier than the end of the legislative session, when the general appropriation bill is usually enacted. All districts need to know this so they can plan their budgets appropriately, and municipal districts need to know how much money they must seek from their associated municipalities.

I know that one legislature cannot bind future legislatures in such matters, and that, if a future legislature failed to make the appropriation to the public school foundation account by the deadline specified, the other branches of government probably could not force it to do so. Nevertheless, the early appropriation made by the legislature last session worked so well, and helped the school districts so much with their planning efforts, that I wish to see that practice institutionalized.

I urge your prompt and favorable attention to this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Steve Cowper  
Governor

SB 144

SENATE BILL NO. 144 by the Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to relocation assistance for federally assisted projects and programs; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee.

Fiscal note published today from Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 27:

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that amends various portions of AS 34.60, which provides for relocation assistance. Due to recent changes in federal law, the bill is necessary to bring the Alaska relocation assistance program into conformance with federal law regarding federally aided or assisted public works projects.

The state's relocation assistance program has been in operation for nearly 20 years. Aid to persons displaced by public works projects was first required in 1968 under congressional authority relating to federal-aid highways. Two years later Congress passed the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4601 -- 4655, expanding the requirement to all federally assisted or aided public works projects. Alaska enacted AS 34.60.010 -- 34.60.150 the next year (sec. 1, ch. 41, SLA 1971). That chapter has not been amended since it was enacted.

The provisions in the bill will apply only to a public works project or land acquisition project that receives federal money. Consequently, the fiscal impact of the bill, due to increases in relocation assistance limits, will be slight because any payments made will be reimbursed, to the extent of the federal matching money, under the particular federal aid program as a normal incident of a project.

Section 1 of the bill makes a number of amendments to AS 34.60.040, including a "housekeeping" amendment to delete an obsolete date from AS 34.60.040(a).

**FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Appropriation Deadline: Public  
School Foundation Program  
Sponsor: Rules  
Requestor: Senate HESS

Agency Affected: Education  
BRU: K-12 Support

Components: Foundation, Pupil Transportation,  
Tuition, 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          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>-0-</b> |

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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

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| GENERAL FUND  | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| FEDERAL FUNDS |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| OTHER         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**POSITIONS:**

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| PART-TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEMPORARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

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