

**SB331**

# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/24/92

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 03/05/92

The Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 331

"An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

replace with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (FINANCE)

or  adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

attaches amendment(s)

same title  
 new title  
 technical title change (HB only)

adopts SEN FIN Letter of Intent

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

**NEW FISCAL NOTES:** Dept/Date

zero fiscal notes \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal notes \_\_\_\_\_

appropriation--no fiscal note

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES:** Dept/Date

zero fiscal notes DOE 02/08/92

fiscal notes \_\_\_\_\_

**DO PASS:**

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
1. [Signature]  
Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

**OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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2. [Signature]  
Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

( Bill Version: SB 331

(S) Publish Date: 2-24-92

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Education  
 Title: An Act Extending Special Education BRU: Educational Program Support  
 Service Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Component: Office of Special and Supplemental Services  
 Sponsor: Senator Zharoff  
 Requestor: (S) HESS COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-					

CAPITAL	-0-					
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	-0-					
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-					
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached.

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 Division: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT Date: 1/16/92  
 Approved by Commissioner: *Jerry Covey* Jerry Covey  
 Agency: Education Date: 2/9/92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., & Impacted Agency(ies).

ANALYSIS:

SESA's funding is based on \$85 for each special education student in average daily membership, or the equivalent of 2% of the funds appropriated for special education, whichever is greater. The FY93 count to determine SESA's funds is 18,903 which results in an entitlement of \$1,602,608. An increment of \$87,975 would be required to fully fund SESA in FY93 per AS 14.30.650. If special education enrollment continues to increase annually, as it has done historically, there will be additional fiscal implications.

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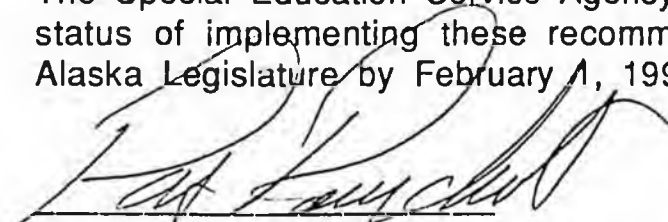
## Senate Finance Committee

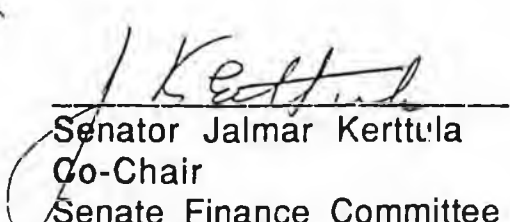
### LETTER OF INTENT TO SB 331

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Education and the Special Education Service Agency implement the recommendations contained in the Division of Legislative Audit report entitled "Department of Education; Special Education Service Agency" dated November 13, -1991 (Audit Control #05-1397-92). The recommendations are:

- 1) The Department of Education and the Special Education Service Agency should work together to develop formal procedures to identify when a school district is no longer eligible to receive Special Education Service Agency services and to provide a proper transition for its students;
- 2) The Special Education Service Agency Board of Directors should amend the agency's by-laws to make the Administrator of Special and Supplemental Services within the Department of Education a permanent member of the Board; and
- 3) The Department of Education and the Special Education Service Agency Board should continue to look at more efficient methods of providing related services to low-incidence handicapped students.

The Special Education Service Agency shall submit a report on the status of implementing these recommendations to the Eighteenth Alaska Legislature by February 1, 1993.

  
Senator Pat Pourchot  
Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee

  
Senator Jalmar Kerttula  
Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee

NEW BILL IN  
COMMITTEE 2-24-92

SENATE BILL NO. 331

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR ZHAROFF

Introduced: 1/13/92  
Referred: HES, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 44.66.010(a)(14) is amended to read:

5 (14) Special Education Service Agency (AS 14.30.600) - June 30, 1995 [1992];

6 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

POSITION PAPER: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division Educational Program Support Bill Number SB 331

Bill Title An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date.

Sponsor Senator Zharoff

Position Statement: Explain briefly what the bill does, its impacts and Department's position, i.e., a) support, b) do not support, c) neutral or d) oppose.

SB 331 extends the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) through June 30, 1995. This will enable SESA to continue to provide school districts with the outreach services necessary to ensure that low incidence handicapped children receive an appropriate special education program.

The Department of Education supports the continuation of the Special Education Service Agency.

APPROVED:

Director Edwin E. Westlund Division Educational Program Support

Signature *Ed Westlund* Date 2-12-92

Commissioner/Deputy Jerry Couey

Signature *Mich Whelan for JC* Date 2/12/92



SENATOR FRED F. ZHAROFF

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MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED FEB 24 1992

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot, Co-Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Fred F. Zharoff *Fred Zharoff*

DATE: February 24, 1992

SUBJ: Scheduling of SB 331

This memo is to request the scheduling of SB 331, "An Act extending the Special Education Service Agency; and providing for an effective date." SB 331 moved out of the Senate HESS Committee on Friday, 2/21/92.

This bill simply extends the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) for another three years and would make the sunset date for the agency June 30, 1995.

The SESA was created in 1986 and, in my opinion, has proven itself to be a valuable tool in the delivery of special education services to school districts throughout the state. This will be the third sunset review and extension consideration since the creation of SESA.

I would also like to request that SESA's executive director, Chris Robinson, be allowed to participate in the hearing via teleconference from Anchorage.

Back-up information is attached. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Attachments

**COMPONENT DESCRIPTION  
SCHOOLS FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY (SESA)**

The Special Education Service Agency (SESA) is administered by the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted. This agency provides outreach services to school districts to serve low-incidence severely disabled students. Under AS 14.30.650 funding, SESA is to be allocated \$85 for each special education student in the state or the equivalent of 2% of funds appropriated for special education for that fiscal year, whichever is greater.

FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized	Request
1107.0	1144.1	1144.1	1334.1	1347.3	1518.8	1518.8

**ALASKA YOUTH INITIATIVE (API)**

When it is determined by a school district that an appropriate educational program cannot reasonably be provided locally for a child with disabilities, the district can apply to the Department of Education for assistance. If approved, the Department can provide the district with funds to develop a local program or, if necessary, assist the district with funds to transfer the student to an educational facility outside the district. The general fund authorization of 681.7 for this activity is supplemented by \$100.0 of federal revenue from IDEA, Part B funds.

FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized	Request
446.1	732.3	832.3	832.3	719.1	719.1	781.7

**FY 93**

<b>C2</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION FORM</b>

<b>AGENCY</b>	Department of Education
<b>BRU</b>	EF&SS
<b>COMPONENT</b>	Schools for the Handicapped

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