

SB

22



ALASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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POSITION STATEMENT

SENATE BILL 22

"An Act making appropriations to the Department of Education for support of kindergarten, primary, and secondary education and community schools programs and for school construction debt retirement; and providing for an effective date."

The Alaska Council of School Administrators supports funding for school districts that reflect the true cost of education in school districts. While early funding is desirable, the funding level is the factor which allows school districts to budget for reasonable class size, and materials which facilitate the learning of the students in our public schools.

School districts across Alaska remain deeply concerned with the current level of funding under the foundation formula from the state and their ability to maintain many of the quality programs they are operating in the schools today. Without some increase in the foundation program, many of these very worthwhile programs will have to go by the wayside in order for the districts meet the level of funding from the state and local level.

School districts have been reducing their administrative and teaching staff for the past several years. It is becoming common place that when a teacher or administrator resigns, the position is not replaced. In many instances this means a loss of program. The local districts have reached the maximum they are allowed to contribute. This increase contribution has been just to meet continuing escalation of expenses due to inflation.

Alaska cannot afford to allow the hemorrhaging that is occurring in education throughout the State. The needs of our children are not being met and are growing more critical. Programs which have taken years to develop are being decimated. If Alaska is going to be ready for the future, we must make every effort to assure that our children are not shortchanged. Every effort must be made to assure that Alaska's children receive the best education possible.

While many of the aspects of SB 22 are desirable and at funding levels we can support. The Alaska Council of School Administrators support the increase to the Foundation Formula reflecting a \$68,000 instruction unit.

Stephen T. McPhetres
Executive Director

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR HALFORD

TO: SB 22

- 1 Page 1, line 10:
- 2 Delete "\$631,989,148"
- 3 Insert "\$640,043,648"

- 4 Page 1, lines 11 - 12:
- 5 Delete all material.

✓ adopted
unanimous
consent



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TO: SENATE HESS COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: POSITION STATEMENT: SENATE BILL 22
DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 1995

"An Act making appropriations to the Department of Education for support of kindergarten, primary, and secondary education and community schools programs and for school construction debt retirement; and providing for an effective date"

The Anchorage School Districts supports full and early funding for education at an amount not below the \$64,000 unit value under the current School Foundation Program.

The School Foundation Program has remained at the \$61,000 Instructional Unit level since 1992, when it was increased from the 1991 level of \$60,000. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Anchorage, however, has increased 8.9% from July 1991 to July 1994, and 5.5% from July 1992 to July 1994. To keep pace with the CPI increase from July 1991 to July 1994, the Instructional Unit would need to have been increased to \$65,353 for FY 94-95.

The District is requesting an increase to \$64,000 to meet the instructional program and service needs of its students. This is below the current and anticipated inflationary rate for FY 94-95.

The District strongly urges the legislature and the governor to work together in achieving this goal.

SENATE BILL NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS HALFORD, Torgerson

Introduced: 1/16/95

Referred: HES, FIN

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$743,388,912
	Other Funds	<u>53,290,800</u>
		\$796,679,712

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making appropriations to the Department of Education for support of
 2 kindergarten, primary, and secondary education and community schools programs
 3 and for school construction debt retirement; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * Section 1. The sum of \$693,334,448 is appropriated from the general fund and from
 6 other funds in the amounts listed to the Department of Education for the purposes expressed
 7 and allocated in the amounts listed for operating expenditures for the fiscal year ending
 8 June 30, 1996:

9	FUND SOURCE	AMOUNT
10	General fund	\$631,989,148
11	General fund/mental health trust settlement income	
12	account (AS 37.14.036)	8,054,500
13	Public school trust fund (AS 37.14.110)	6,816,600
14	School fund (AS 43.50.140)	2,668,100

*via student
 ↓ local
 increase*

** 640,013,648*

1	Federal receipts - P.L. 81-874	21,806,100
2	Federal receipts - other than P.L. 81-874	22,000,000
3	PURPOSE	ALLOCATION AMOUNT
4	Foundation program	\$629,938,000
5	Child nutrition/student lunch program	22,000,000
6	Cigarette tax distribution	2,668,100
7	Tuition students	1,887,600
8	Boarding home grants	355,000
9	Youth in detention	800,000
10	Pupil transportation	31,638,148
11	Schools for the handicapped	3,447,600
12	Community schools	600,000
13	* Sec. 2. (a) The sum of \$103,345,264 is appropriated from the general fund to the Alaska	
14	debt retirement fund (AS 37.15.011).	
15	(b) The sum of \$103,345,264 is appropriated from the Alaska debt retirement fund	
16	(AS 37.15.011) to the Department of Education for state aid for costs of school construction	
17	under AS 14.11.100.	
18	* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1995.	

Chairman's Basic Script

*** Three Members is a Quorum to do business in HESS Committee ***

1. Gavel meeting to order

"The Senate HESS Committee will now come to order"

2. Announce those members that are present

"In attendance are Senators ... and the Chairman, Senator Green"

3. Announce first bill to be heard by the committee

"The first bill to come before the committee today will be Senate Bill or House Bill, Resolution . . . "

((** You may take the bills up in any order YOU want, and can change that order at any time -- BUT you CANNOT take up a bill that has not been properly noticed to be heard by the Committee))

4. "Will the Sponsor of the legislation, or their representative, please come to the table"

5. "For the record, please state your name and the organization or office that you represent"

6. After testimony is complete

"Are there any questions from committee members?"

7. Recognize those who wish to speak . . .

"Senator . . .(so and so) "

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8. Look at the sign-in sheet for the bill that is being heard and call those to the table who are listed to testify. EACH new person must be asked to state their name, etc... for the record.

9. When all on the sign-in sheet have testified . . . ASK:

"Is there anyone else in the audience who wishes to testify on Senate Bill . . . "

10. If amendments have been submitted: announce the amendment and number. Ask the sponsor of the amendment to testify about the amendment and why it should be adopted.

11. Debate on the amendment? Recognize committee members who wish to be heard.

Ask if there is anyone in the audience who wishes to testify on the amendment.

12. Ask for a role call by the Committee Secretary on the amendment.

"Will the secretary please call the roll on amendment # "

Secretary will take the roll. Announce the result.

((* NOTE -- you may take a brief "at ease" any time you want. Just announce: "the committee will stand at ease for a moment." In case you want to ask staff something or check on something.))

13. "Is there additional debate?"

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((You may hold the bill over if you wish or if you want a motion to move the bill from committee, ask your Vice Chairman for a motion))

14. Chairman asks: "What is the will of the Committee?"

15. Vice Chairman responds:

"I move we discharge Senate Bill from Committee with individual recommendations"

16. If there is no objection to the motion, Chairman states:

"Senate Bill has moved from the Senate HESS Committee"

* If there IS objection, and you have the votes to move the bill, take a roll call vote, IF there is objection and you DON'T have the votes, hold the bill over for the next hearing.

* NEVER take up an amendment unless YOU have the votes for the outcome that YOU want. You can hold over motions or bills until you have all the votes in the room or simply take an "at ease" in order to round up your majority members.

Never take a vote unless you know the result and it's the result that YOU want.

**** NOTE **** Make sure Mike and Loren know what your agenda is and if you want anything from them - motions, amendments, etc . . . Don't assume they know what you want.

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If things start to get out of hand and you're not sure of what to do, take an "at ease" and talk with Mike and Loren. If there is disagreement and you need time to work things out, hold the bill over, and remember, you can always adjourn the meeting and take it up later.

17. After all votes and bills have been taken care of, then announce the next meeting and what will be on the agenda.
18. Then adjourn the meeting

"The Senate HESS Committee is adjourned"

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Division of Legislative Finance



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DATE: February 2, 1995

TO: Senator Rick Halford, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

ATTN: Kelly C. Goode
Staff to Senator Halford

FROM: Susan M. Taylor *Susan M Taylor*
Fiscal Analyst

RE: FY96 Costs to fully fund Education

Attached for your consideration is a schedule comparing the amounts and allocations in Senate Bill 22: "An Act making appropriations to the Department of Education for support of kindergarten, primary, and secondary education and community schools programs and for school construction debt retirement; and providing for an effective date" and the same amounts to fully fund education in FY96.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at 465-5410.

**Funding and Allocation Amounts in Senate Bill 22 compared to
Funding and Allocations Amounts Needed to fully fund Education in FY96**

Funding and Allocation Amounts			
Fund Source	From Senate Bill 22	Amount to fully fund Education	Incr. <Decr.>
General fund	631,989,148	651,772,900	19,783,752
1 General fund/mental health trust settlement income account (AS 37.14.01)	8,054,500		
2 General fund/mental health		8,073,600	
Public school trust fund (AS 37.14.110)	6,816,600	5,394,700	-1,421,900
School fund (AS 43.50.140)	2,668,100	2,655,000	-13,100
Federal receipts - P.L. 81-874	21,806,100	20,791,000	-1,015,100
Federal receipts - other than P.L. 81-874	22,000,000	22,000,000	0
Purpose			
3 Foundation program	629,938,000	643,401,860	13,463,860
Child nutrition/student lunch program	22,000,000	22,000,000	0
Cigarette tax distribution	2,668,100	2,655,000	-13,100
Tuition students	1,887,600	1,731,200	-156,400
4 Boarding home grants	355,000	185,894	-169,106
Youth in detention	800,000	800,000	0
5 Pupil transportation	31,638,148	32,842,200	1,204,052
6 Non-public pupil transportation		3,000,046	3,000,046
7 Schools for the handicapped	3,447,600	3,471,000	23,400
Community schools	600,000	600,000	0
Other			
8 School Debt Reimbursement	103,345,264	80,322,400	-23,022,864

Notes

- 1 Chapter 5, F.SSLA 1994 repealed the Mental Health Trust Income Account (MHTIA) on its effective date, June 24, 1994. Chapter 1, SSLA 1994 reinstated the MHTIA to provide a valid funding source for appropriations from that source. The funding source for existing appropriations will come from the general fund. After FY95, no additional appropriations will be made from the MHTIA. Chapter 5, FSSLA 1994, section 16 (AS 37.14.039 and AS 37.14.041) defines the administration and use of the Mental Health Trust Settlement Income Account.
- 2 One of the benefits the plaintiffs in the Weiss v. State of Alaska received upon the dismissal of the case is a separate appropriations process outlined in Chapter 5, FSSLA 1994, section 27. The funding source for the State's integrated comprehensive mental health program is the general fund. Therefore, funding that was previously MHTIA should be General Fund/Mental Health, rather than from the Mental Health Trust Settlement Income Account.
- 3 The instructional unit value is in Alaska Statute 14.17.056. The amount is \$61,000. The increase in funding is based on projections from school districts of FY96 foundation entitlements.
- 4 Based on estimate of children participating in boarding homes
- 5 Increase is based on approved routes
- 6 Provide reimbursement for non-public pupil transportation in response to recent court case
- 7 Special Education Service Agency (SESA) provides outreach services to school districts that serve low incidence severely disabled students. The amount going to this program is tied to the foundation formula
- 8 The school debt reimbursement is based upon outstanding debt

Note: The amount to fully fund Education for FY96 is approximately \$6,500,000 less than the amount requested in the Governor FY96 budget request book (December 1994 Version). This is because the Department of Education was still in the process of verifying the instructional unit when these numbers were compiled. The numbers on this schedule are the current and best estimates.