

SB

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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 107
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill which clarifies local school district programs for under-school-age students.

Pursuant to existing statutes, a district may enroll a four year old child, referred to as an "under school age student." The intent of this bill is to prohibit districts from constructing curriculums that offer two years of kindergarten as a standard program. Early entry of four year olds into the school system should be a rare event and reserved for the truly exceptional child.

This bill would remove a school district's ability to offer early entry as standard practice to access the foundation formula and provide state funded pre-school programs. Currently, districts can enroll four year olds and then enroll them again as a kindergarten student in the next school year. This action effectively provides a child with two years of kindergarten with very little in the way of extra expense to the district. The result to the state is an additional year of per pupil funding equating to approximately \$3.9 million.

Enrolling four year olds as the current statute provides should be retained. However, early enrolled children should be expected to advance through to the next grade level or grade level equivalent.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 110
 (S) Publish Date: 3/6/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
 Title An Act relating to admission to and BRU K-12 Support
advancement in public school of children under school age... Component Foundation Program
 Sponsor Rules Committee
 Requester Governor Component No. 141

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	(3,916.2)					
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	(3,916.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(3,916.2)					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	(3,916.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This proposed amendment eliminates a district's ability to offer two year kindergarten programs by amending AS 14.03.080(c).

This fiscal note is reflected in the Governor's FY2004 budget.

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 Agency: Education and Early Development

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 Date 3/6/2003

School District	Total w/o Pre-K	OASIS w/Pre-K	State Cost Generated by Pre-K
Alaska Gateway	4,551,894	4,551,894	-
Aleutian Region	939,370	939,370	-
Aleutians East Borough	2,777,340	2,787,565	10,225
Anchorage	197,487,394	197,556,078	68,684
Annette Island	1,223,136	1,223,136	-
Bering Strait	13,452,828	14,324,457	871,629
Bristol Bay Borough	1,203,628	1,203,628	-
Chatham	1,714,908	1,722,960	8,052
Chugach	1,687,368	1,715,308	27,940
Copper River	5,210,733	5,210,733	-
Cordova	2,675,630	2,679,069	3,439
Craig	3,792,134	3,792,134	-
Delta/Greely	5,483,670	5,483,670	-
Denali Borough	2,640,120	2,640,120	-
Dillingham	3,464,355	3,464,355	-
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	64,768,592	64,788,279	19,687
Galena	14,658,628	14,822,406	163,778
Haines Borough	1,584,374	1,584,374	-
Hoonah	1,392,912	1,399,748	6,836
Hydaburg	815,333	830,050	14,717
Iditarod Area	4,292,376	4,302,651	10,275
Juneau Borough	20,657,653	20,666,591	8,938
Kenai	1,131,684	1,131,684	-
Kashunamiut	2,254,883	2,262,130	7,247
Kenai Peninsula Borough	41,523,910	41,528,620	4,710
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	9,531,715	9,536,908	5,193
Klawock	1,148,850	1,148,850	-
Kodiak Island Borough	13,655,051	13,655,051	-
Kuspuk	4,168,872	4,201,402	32,530
Lake & Peninsula Borough	5,797,707	5,797,707	-
Lower Kuskokwim	34,776,160	34,798,175	22,015
Lower Yukon	15,840,489	16,081,647	241,158
Mat-Su Borough	67,312,754	67,348,424	35,670
Nenana	5,327,671	5,327,671	-
Nome	5,006,969	5,006,969	-
North Slope Borough	7,568,755	8,472,874	904,119
Northwest Arctic Borough	18,348,673	19,614,005	1,265,332
Pelican	379,561	386,400	6,839
Petersburg	3,231,989	3,231,989	-
Pribilof	1,098,346	1,108,572	10,226
Sitka Borough	6,567,113	6,579,916	12,803
Skagway	707,917	707,917	-
Southeast Island	2,658,024	2,676,659	18,635
Southwest Region	5,806,090	5,806,090	-
St. Mary's	1,678,316	1,761,908	83,592
Tanana	821,526	840,975	19,449
Unalaska	2,134,007	2,134,007	-
Valdez	3,653,062	3,653,062	-
Wrangell	2,415,335	2,425,803	10,468
Yakutat	1,179,924	1,179,924	-
Yukon Flats	4,137,262	4,137,262	-
Yukon/Koyukuk	5,808,098	5,821,080	12,982
Yupit	4,036,252	4,045,310	9,058
Alyeska Central School	3,500,495	3,500,495	-
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	1,396,430	1,396,430	-
TOTALS:	641,078,266	644,994,492	3,916,226

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/6/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4.7.03

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 110

SB 110 UNDER SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS

"An Act relating to admission to and advancement in public schools of children under school age; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ SB 110 (HES)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
EED	3/06	X		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	DO NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
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<i>[Signature]</i> Dyson	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Wilken	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Davis			X	
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>				