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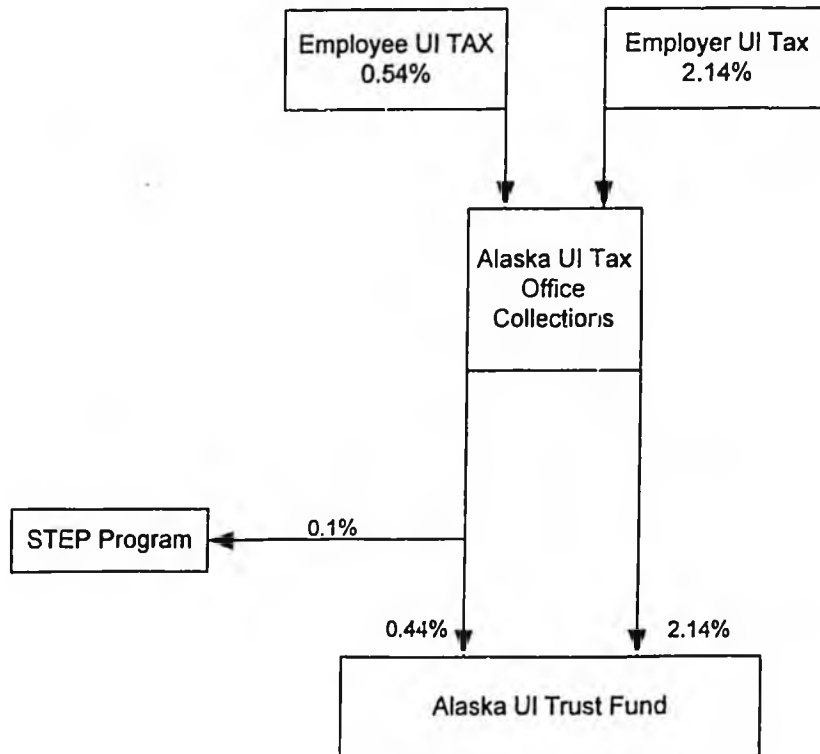
SB

289

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STEP Program Funding



0.1% of Employee Tax is diverted to the STEP program

Alaska UI Tax Calculation

A step by step walk through the UI tax calculation process, with citations from the Law, and an explanation of each calculation. The calculation of the 2000 tax rates is used as the example.

UI Tax Rate Calculation Procedures, 2000

There are three major steps to the calculation of UI tax rates, with several substeps.

- Step 1. Calculation of the Average 3-year Benefit Cost Rate (ABCR).
- Step 2. Calculation of the Trust Fund Solvency Adjustment.
- Step 3. Calculation of employer and employee tax rates.

This explanation of the tax rate calculation may be clearer if you follow the actual calculations from the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet and the Tax Base Calculation Worksheet. The "Line" references below refer to the Rate Calculation Worksheet. We suggest that you print a copy of the worksheets, and follow along through this detailed explanation of the tax rate calculation process.

Step 1. Calculation of Average Benefit Cost Rate (ABCR)

Step 1a. (Benefit Costs)

The Law:

AS 23.20.290(c) The department shall determine the average benefit cost rate as follows:

- (1) the department shall determine the amount of benefits paid to insured workers during the last three computation years;
- (2) the department shall subtract from the amount determined in (1) of this subsection the amount of any benefits reimbursed to the fund and the amount of interest earned on the trust fund balance during those computation years;

Translation:

Calculate the amount of benefits paid to employees of taxable employers, minus interest earned on the fund balance, for the past three years. The result is benefits costs.

Calculation:

\$ 100,104,207 -- SFY 97

\$ 99,378,442 -- SFY 98

\$ 102,092,954 -- SFY 99

\$ 301,575,603 -- Line 4

Step 1b. (Total Wages & Ratio of Benefit Costs to Total Wages)

The Law:

(3) the department shall divide the amount determined in (2) of this subsection by the total wages paid by all employers required to pay contributions under this chapter during the first three of the last four computation years;

Translation:

Calculate the amount of wages paid to employees of taxable employers during the first three of the past four years, then divide the result into the benefits paid as calculated in Step 1a. The result is the ratio of benefit costs to total wages.

Calculation:

\$ 5,682,267,480 -- SFY 96

\$ 5,783,006,707 -- SFY 97

\$ 6,124,912,128 -- SFY 98

\$ 17,590,186,315 -- Line 5

\$ 301,575,603 / \$ 17,590,186,315 = 0.017145 -- Line 6

Step 1c. (Taxable Wages)

The Law:

(4) the department shall determine the amount of total wages subject to contributions under this chapter paid during the preceding computation year;

Translation:

Calculate the amount of taxable wages paid in the past year.

Calculation:

\$ 4,038,792,490 -- Line 3

Step 1d. (Total Wages of Taxable Employers)

The Law:

(5) the department shall determine the amount of all wages paid insured workers during the preceding computation year;

(6) the department shall subtract from the amount determined in (5) of this subsection the amount of wages paid during the preceding year by employers who elect to reimburse the department under AS23.30.276 and 23.20.277;

Translation:

Calculate the amount of wages paid to employees of taxable employers in the past year; this is same wage series used in the step 1.b calculation above, just a differently worded definition.

Calculation:

$\$ 6,309,309,628$ -- Line 2

Step 1e. (Ratio of Taxable Wages to Total Wages)

The Law:

(7) the department shall divide the amount in (4) of this subsection by the amount determined in (6) of this subsection; and .

Translation:

Calculate the **ratio of taxable wages** (from Step 1c) to **total wages** (Step 1d).

Calculation:

$\$ 4,038,792,490 / \$ 6,309,309,628 = 0.640132$ -- Line 7

Step 1f. (Average Benefit Cost Rate)

The Law:

(8) the department shall divide the amount determined in (3) of this subsection by the amount determined in (7) of this subsection.

Translation:

Calculate the final Average Benefit Cost Rate (ABCR) by dividing the ratio of benefit costs to total wages (from Step 1b) by the ratio of taxable wages to total wages (from Step 1e).

Calculation:

$0.017145 / 0.640132 = 0.026783$ -- Line 8

Step 2. Calculation of the Trust Fund Solvency Adjustment

The Law:

AS 23.20.290(f):

An employer shall pay a fund solvency adjustment equal to the contribution rate set out in column B of the table in this subsection opposite the reserve rate of the fund set out in column A. However, the fund solvency adjustment rate of an employer may not increase or decrease more than three-tenths of one percent from one year to the next.

AS 23.20.310(7):

"reserve rate" means the ratio of the total amount available for benefits in the unemployment trust fund on September 30, immediately following the computation date, to the payroll of employers required to pay contributions under the provisions of AS 23.20.165 for the 12 consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date, expressed as a percentage.

Translation:

Calculate the reserve rate as the trust fund balance on September 30 divided by total wages as calculated in Step 1d above. Then compare to the TFSA table to get the TFSA. The TFSA can only increase or decrease by 0.003 each year.

Calculation:

$$\$199,789,331 / \$6,309,309,628 = 0.031666 \text{ -- Lines 9-11}$$

From TFSA table, the reserve rate is "at least 3.0% but less than 3.3%"
Therefore, the TFSA = -0.000% . (In 1999 TFSA was -0.1%.)

Step 3. Calculation of Rates for Employer Rate Classes, for Employees

The Law:

AS 23.20.290:

(c) Beginning January 1, 1997, the rate of contributions for each employer is 80 percent of the average benefit cost rate multiplied by the employer's experience factor set out in column C of the table in this subsection opposite the employer's applicable rate class set out in column A plus the fund solvency adjustment required under (f) of this section. However, the rate of contributions for an employer may not be less than one percent or more than six and one-half percent. The rate of contributions for an employer in rate class 21 may not be less than 5.4 percent. The rate of contributions for an employer must be rounded to the nearest 1/100th of one percent.

(d) Beginning January 1, 1997, and for each succeeding year thereafter, the rate of contributions payable by each employee of an employer who is subject to AS 23.20.165 is 20 percent of the average benefit cost rate as determined in (e) of this section rounded to the nearest 1/100th of one percent. However, the rate of contributions for an employee may not be less than one-half percent or more than one percent.

Translation:

Calculate the employer's share of the Average Benefit Cost Rate (ABCR) as 80%, and the employee's share as 20%. The employer's tax rate at each rate class is equal to 0.80 times the ABCR times the experience factor of the rate class plus the TFSA.

Calculation:

The employee tax is: (0.20 x 0.026783) = 0.54%

The average tax rate is: . . (0.80 x 0.026783 x 1.00) + .000 = 2.14%
(employers in rate)
(classes 10 and 11)

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Total and Taxable Wages in SFY 1999 and UI Tax Base Calculation for 2000

YR/QTR	(1) TOTAL WAGES PD BY CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS	(2) TAXABLE WAGES	(3) TOTAL WAGES PD BY ALL COVERED EMPLOYERS	(4) AVG MO COVERED EMPLOYMENT
98/3	1,716,400,098	957,271,932	2,128,534,884	261,505
98/4	1,602,109,366	585,104,858	2,118,899,272	247,300
99/1	1,439,604,170	1,341,162,579	1,932,261,087	239,666
99/2	1,551,195,994	1,155,253,121	2,117,745,767	256,308
TOTAL	6,309,309,628	4,138,792,490	8,297,441,010	251,195

(a)	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE = (3)/(4)	=	\$33,031.87
(b)	75% OF AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE = (a) X .75	=	\$24,773.90
(c)	TAXABLE WAGE BASE = (b) rounded to nearest \$100	=	\$24,800
(d)	RATIO OF TAXABLE TO TOTAL WAGES = (2)/(1)	=	0.640132
(e)	AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE = (a) / 52	=	\$635.23

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
SFY 1998. Employment, Wages, and Contributions,
ES-202 report to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Alaska UI Tax Rate Calculations and Tax Rates by Rate Class for 2000

Tax Rate Calculations for 2000

	(1) Benefit Cost (Benefits) (-Reimb-Int)	(2) Total Payroll (Taxable) (employers)	(3) Taxable Payroll
SFY 1996		5,682,267,480	
SFY 1997	100,104,207	5,783,006,707	
SFY 1998	99,378,442	6,124,912,128	
SFY 1999	102,092,954	6,309,309,628	4,038,792,490
			\$301,575,603
(4) Benefit Cost for 3 Prev SFY			\$17,590,186,315
(5) Total Payroll, First 3 of Last 4 SFY			0.017145
(6) 3-Yr Benefit Cost/Total Payroll (4)/(5)			0.640132
(7) Taxable/Total Payroll, Last SFY (3)/(2)			0.026783
(8) Average Benefit Cost Rate (6)/(7)			\$199,789,331
(9) UI Trust Fund Balance, Sep 30			\$6,309,309,628
(10) Total Payroll, Last SFY			0.031666
(11) UI Trust Fund Reserve Rate (9)/(10)			0.000
(12) Solvency Adjustment			
(13) Average Employer Tax Rate as a Percent of Taxable Payroll (0.80 x ABCR) + TFSA = (0.80 x #8) + #12			2.14%
(14) Average Employee Tax Rate: (0.20 x ABCR) = (0.20 x #8)			0.54%

Tax Rates for Employees and Experience Rated Employers

Rate Class	Experience Factor	Employee Contribution Rate (%)	Employer Contribution Rate (%)	Total Contribution Rate (%)
1	0.40	0.54	1.00	1.54
2	0.45	0.54	1.00	1.54
3	0.50	0.54	1.07	1.61
4	0.55	0.54	1.18	1.72
5	0.60	0.54	1.29	1.83
6	0.65	0.54	1.39	1.93
7	0.70	0.54	1.50	2.04
8	0.80	0.54	1.71	2.25
9	0.90	0.54	1.93	2.47
10	1.00	0.54	2.14	2.68
11	1.00	0.54	2.14	2.68
12	1.10	0.54	2.36	2.90
13	1.20	0.54	2.57	3.11
14	1.30	0.54	2.79	3.33
15	1.35	0.54	2.89	3.43
16	1.40	0.54	3.00	3.54
17	1.45	0.54	3.11	3.65

18	1.50	0.54	3.21	3.75
19	1.55	0.54	3.32	3.86
20	1.60	0.54	3.43	3.97
21	1.65	0.54	5.40	5.94

Total payroll, taxable payroll, and UI benefits costs are all for employees (current or former) of contributing (taxable) employers only. Reimbursable employers are excluded.

Sources: Alaska Statutes 23.20.290.
 Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development,
 Research and Analysis Section:
 ES-202 report to the U.S. Dept. of Labor.
 ETA 2-112 report to the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

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Projected Increases in Average Employer Costs Under Proposed Legislation

Current Rates (for CY 2000):

Average Employer Tax Rate:	2.14%
Employee Tax Rate:	.54%
Taxable Wage Base: (Maximum wages subject to tax)	\$24,800

Increase	Add'l Employer Cost*	Add'l Employee Cost**
.1%	\$24.80	0
.15%	\$37.20	0
.2%	\$49.60	0
.3%	\$74.40	0

*Per each employee paid \$24,800 (.75% of the average annual wage) or more in wages during the year. New tax represents 4.7%, 7%, 9.3%, and 14% increases, respectively, in the average employer's tax liability.

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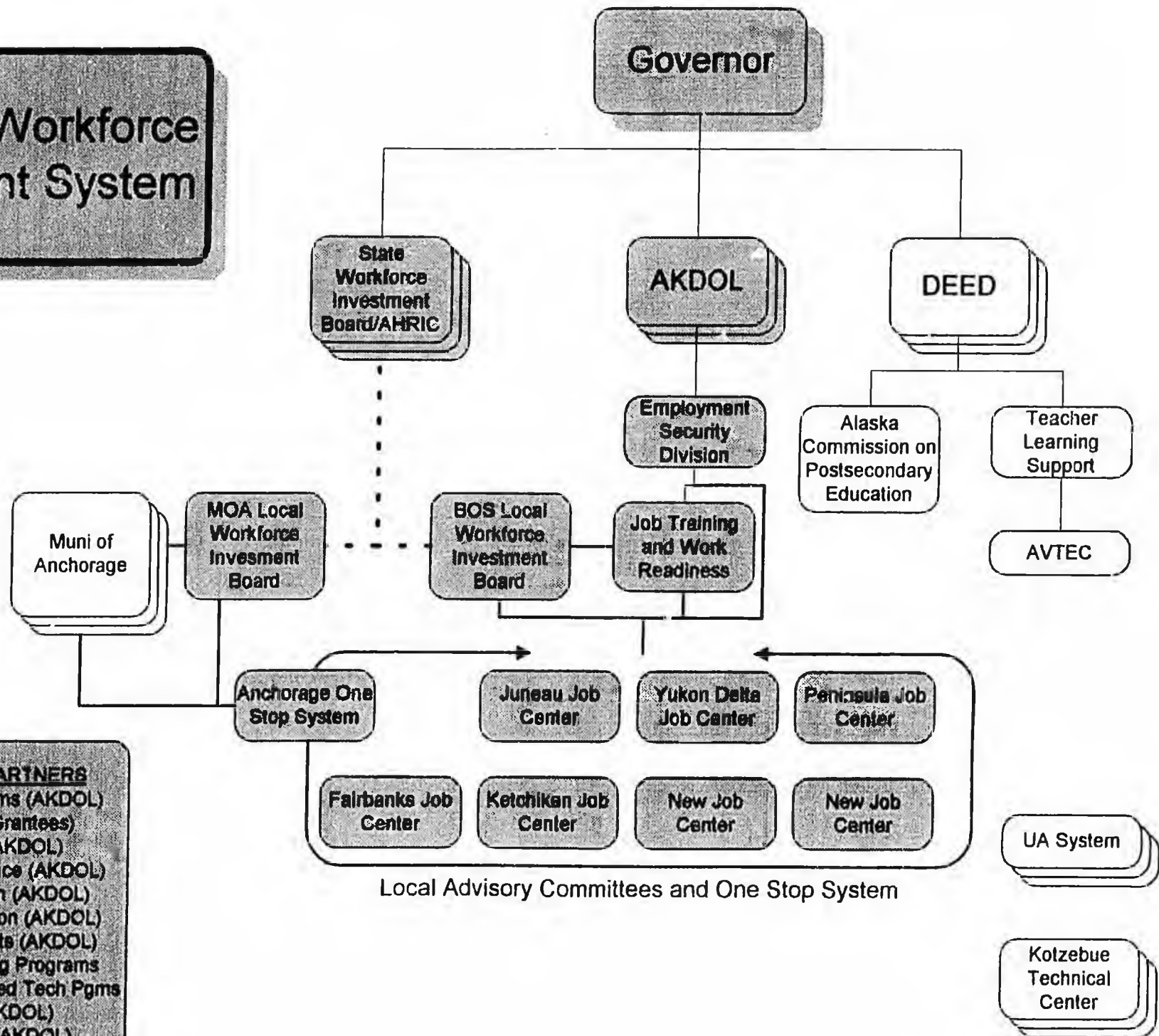
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*Per each employee paid \$24,800 (.75% of the average annual wage) or more in wages during the year. New tax represents 18.5%, 27.7%, 37%, and 55.6% increases, respectively, in the employee's tax liability.

Alaska's Workforce Investment System



WIA MANDATED PARTNERS
 Title I Training Programs (AKDOL)
 (Includes ANCT Grantees)
 Wagner Peyser (AKDOL)
 Unemployment Insurance (AKDOL)
 Adult Basic Education (AKDOL)
 Vocational Rehabilitation (AKDOL)
 Welfare to Work Grants (AKDOL)
 Senior Service Training Programs
 Carl Perkins Voc & Applied Tech Pgms
 NAFTA/TAA (AKDOL)
 Veteran's Training (AKDOL)
 CSBG and HUD Training

Local Advisory Committees and One Stop System

DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:

The Alaska Statewide Service Delivery Area (SDA) faces logistical problems in program delivery not encountered by any other SDA. These problems spring from its sheer physical size, vast distances, high costs, extreme weather and cultural barriers. Most of our communities are remote, lacking in basic services, and without strong local economies. Successful completion of training and subsequent employment is not possible for rural SWSDA participants without necessary supportive services to make it possible.

Supportive services include the following:

Relocation Assistance: In some areas of Alaska, no amount of job training will result in employment because of the absence of local employment opportunities and strong economies to support them. In these instances, it is necessary to help participants relocate to areas where job training can result in related employment.

Tools and Gear: Some jobs require employees to provide their own work clothing and tools as a condition of employment. STEP participants are most likely to be unemployed and, at successful completion of training, have been employed for a lengthy period of time. Financial resources are often depleted. Assistance is needed to help them bridge the gap between successful completion of training and attainment of appropriate employment.

Other:

Allowances -- Most ASW STEP participants are unemployed. Many have been unemployed for a very long time and do not have the personal financial resources to complete lengthy training programs without some financial assistance.

Transportation -- Even with provision of training services, round trip transportation to training facilities remains a problem for the unemployed STEP-eligible population. Transportation costs in Alaska are high and beyond the means of the unemployed.

Room and board -- Most training provided to ASW residents is delivered at a distance from home communities. STEP eligible participants do not usually have the resources to pay for their own room and board costs during training.

Child/Elder Care -- Family care responsibilities are not suspended while participants attend training. Those without financial resources require assistance with child and elder care in order to attend training. Participants are unable to fully attend to the training until these issues are satisfactorily resolved.

Supportive services are necessary and appropriate when required to ensure participant attendance at training and when no other sources of support are available.

**STEP Program Expenditures
by Service Delivery Area
FY98 and FY99**

1998

Anchorage/
Mat-Su
40%



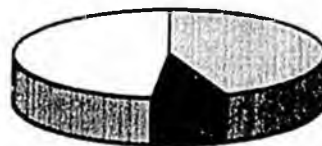
Alaska
State Wide
(Balance of
State)
44%

Fairbanks
16%

Service Delivery Area	1998	1999
Alaska State Wide (Balance of State)	1,133,152	838,349
Fairbanks	431,468	143,223
Anchorage/Mat-Su	1,055,638	920,952
Total	2,620,258	1,902,524

1999

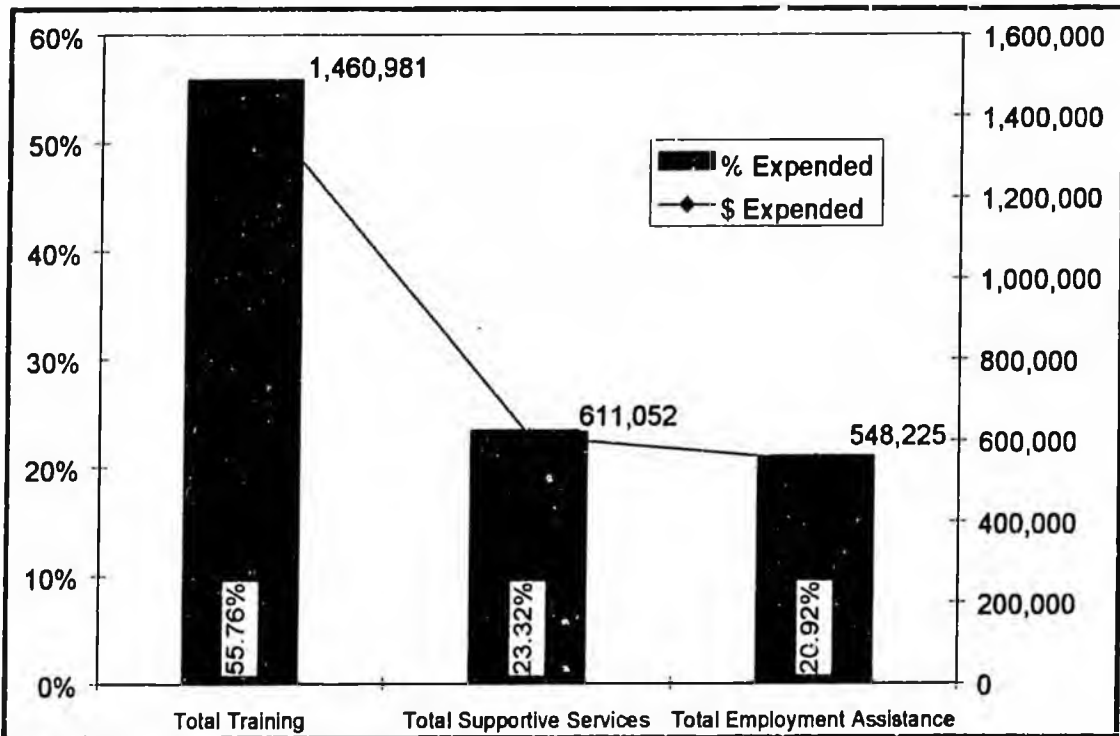
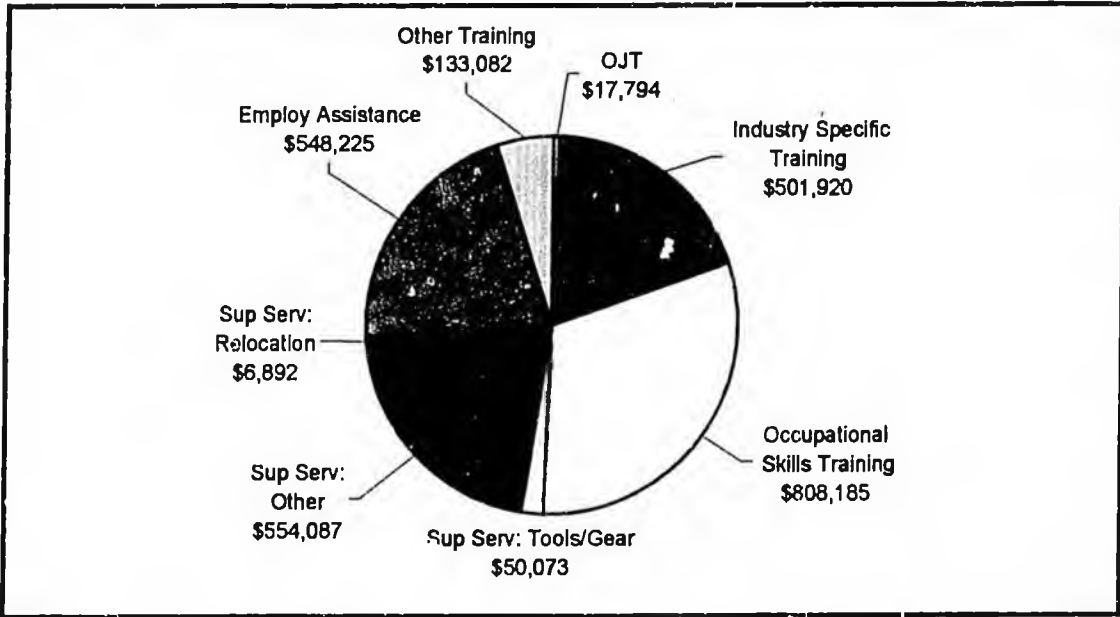
Anchorage/
Mat-Su
48%



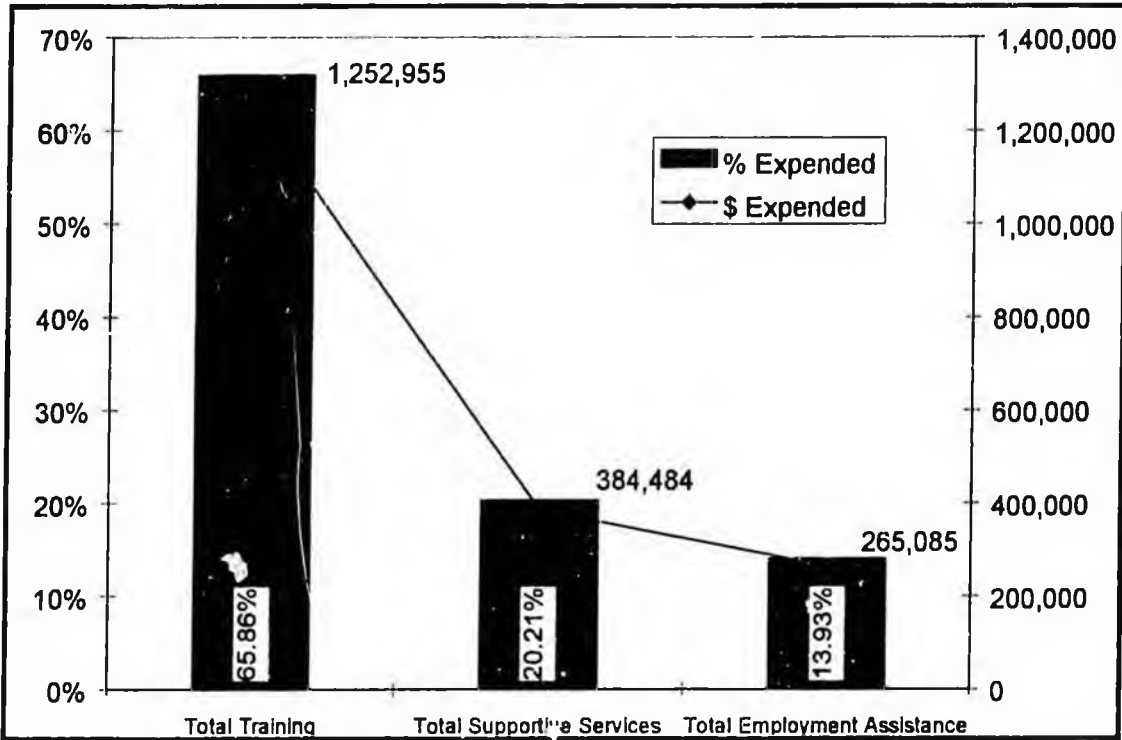
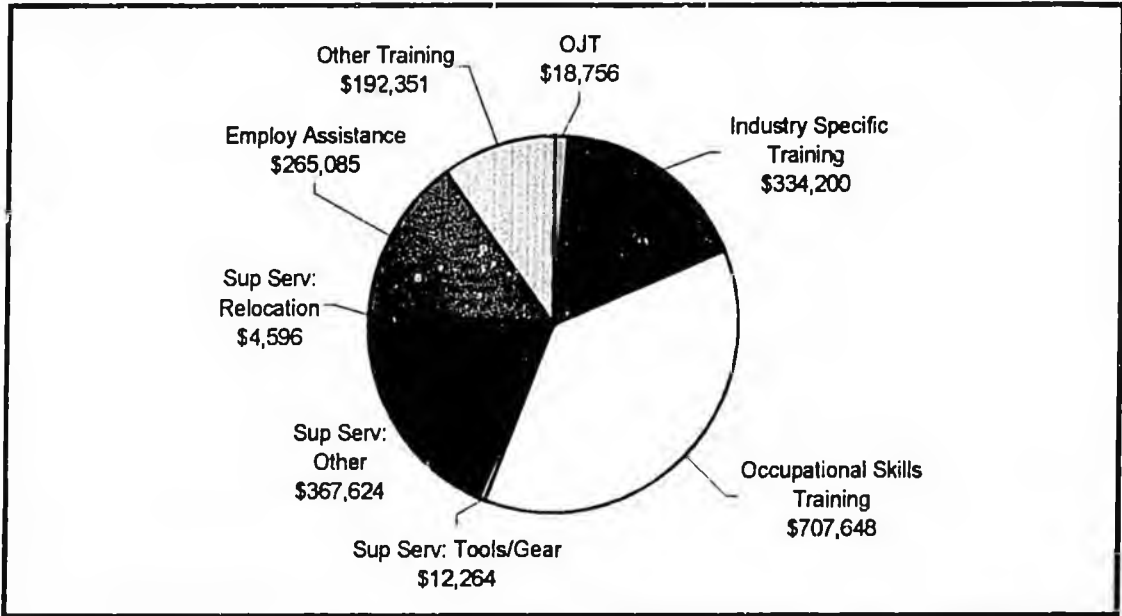
Alaska
State Wide
(Balance
of State)
44%

Fairbanks
8%

FY 98 STEP Program Expenditures by Program Element



FY 99 STEP Program Expenditures by Program Element



STEP Funding Detail

	FY00	FY99	FY98
Authorization			
AHRIC	106.8	106.8	104.8
R&A	330.2	330.2	240.7
ESD Acctg	250.0	250.0	250.0
Client Svcs/DCRA (see detail below)	3,359.1	3,359.1	3,202.5
KTC			61.8
Unrealized Revenues			186.3
Total	4,046.1	4,046.1	4,046.1

AKSAS Expenditures @4/3/00

AHRIC	n/a	106.7	104.8
R&A	n/a	277.4	226.3
ESD Acctg	n/a	294.8	257.6
Client Svcs/DCRA (see detail below)	n/a	2,531.9	
KTC	n/a	56.3	53.0
Total	-	3,270.1	3,664.1
		3270.1	3664.1

STEP Client Services Funding Detail (DCRA)

	SDA FUNDING				OTHER (JTPO Admin & 15% Spec Projects)	TOTAL
	Training	Employment Assistance	Supportiv e Services	Admin		
FY2000 Authorized						
Anchorage/Mat-Su	793.0	164.4	?	138.5	128.8	1,224.7
Fairbanks	210.9	43.7	?	36.9	90.0	381.5
Balance of State	1,008.9	209.1	?	176.3	131.3	1,525.6
JTPO					86.4	86.4
Other Special Projects					140.9	140.9
Total	2,012.8	417.2	-	351.7	577.4	3,359.1



?includes supportive services

FY1999 Expenditures (as reported by JTPA/SSD staff)

Anchorage/Mat-Su	687.5	158.4	75	159.2		1,080.1
Fairbanks	78.4	48.4	16.5	37.2		180.5
Balance of State	487.1	58.3	292.9	131.1		969.4
JTPO					81.4	81.4
Misc adjustment (due to billing lag)					223.5	223.5
Total	1,253.0	265.1	384.4	327.5	304.9	2,534.9

FY1998 Expenditures(as reported by JTPA/SSD staff)

Anchorage/Mat-Su	572.2	337.4	146	128.3		1,183.9
Fairbanks	306.7	71.3	53.5	42.4		473.9
Balance of State	582.1	139.4	411.6	154.3		1,287.4
JTPO					69.3	69.3
Misc adjustment (due to difference in expenditure detail)					7.9	7.9
Total	1,461.0	548.1	611.1	325.0	77.2	2,923.3

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/29/00

FURTHER:

REPORTED OUT OF
SFC 4/5/00

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5 April 00

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 289

"An Act establishing and relating to the Alaska Board of Technical and Vocational Education; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 289 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS CS forthcoming (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____
- further referral to the _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
- same title
 - new title
- House Bill:**
- same title
 - technical title
 - new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Cie Adams</i>	X	<i>Lynne Green</i>			✓
<i>Gonzalez</i>	✓	<i>Loren A. Hines</i>	-		
<i>Robt E. Hill</i>		<i>David Donly</i>	✓		
<i>Walter Kelly</i>	✓				
Co-Chair: <i>Johnson</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			
Co-Chair: <i>Sean Powell</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Univ	4/5/00		\$6450.
Labor	4/5/00		\$4,553.

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 Legislative Session

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FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. CSSB 289(FIN)

Revision Date: _____
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Sponsor: Senate Finance
Requester: Senate Finance

Dept. Affected Labor
BRU Employment Security
Component Unemployment Insurance
Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Personal Services	0.0					
Travel	4.5					
Contractual	3,124.9					
Supplies	1.5					
Equipment	0.0					
Land & Structures	0.0					
Grants & Claims	1,422.9					
Miscellaneous	0.0					
TOTAL OPERATING	4,553.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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CHANGE IN REVENUES []						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0					
1003 GF Match	0.0					
1004 GF	0.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1054 Empl Trng	4,553.8					
1091 Designated Program Receipts	0.0					
TOTAL	4,553.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0


Estimate of any current year (FY99) costs: 0.0

POSITIONS

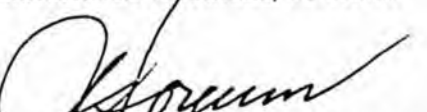
POSITIONS	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

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Attachment CS SB 289(FIN)

The current Statewide Employment Program, (STEP - AS 23.15) is funded with the inclusion of this SB 289 fiscal note.

This fiscal note for STEP matches the Governor's FY 01 amended request.

The new Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program (ATV - AS 23.15 Article 7) is funded with the inclusion of this SB 289 fiscal note.

The fiscal note for ATV reflects a 2/10ths of one percent employee credit in a manner similar to that which is currently applied for the STEP program. It is estimated that in FY 2001, additional contributions to establish this account will total \$6,450,000. In subsequent years it is estimated that \$8,600,000 will be collected annually. This fiscal note addresses FY01. FY02-06 will be addressed by the administrative board for the new program.

The first year will be \$6,450,000 in the following percentage:

University of Alaska	76% = 4,902,000
Kotzebue Technical Center	8% = 516,000
Alaska Vocational Technical Center	16% = \$1,032,000

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 Legislative Session

BILL NO. CSSB 289(FIN)

Revision Date: _____
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Requester: Senate Finance

Dept. Affected University of Alaska/Education
BRU _____
Component _____
Component Serial No. _____

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(Thousands of Dollars)

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Travel	0.0					
Contractual	0.0					
Supplies	0.0					
Equipment	0.0					
Land & Structures	0.0					
Grants & Claims	6,450.0					
Miscellaneous	0.0					
TOTAL OPERATING	6,450.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0					
1003 GF Match	0.0					
1004 GF	0.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1054 Empl Trng	6,450.0					
1091 Dcsignated Program Receipts	0.0					
TOTAL	6,450.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) costs: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
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Temporary						

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

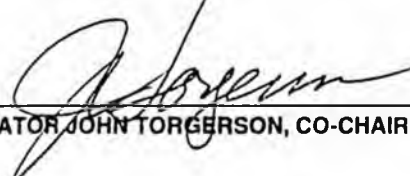
Technical and Vocational Education board funds these one year grants to fund \$4,902,000 to the University of Alaska, \$516,000 to Kotzebue Tech and 1,032,000 to AVTEC.

Prepared By: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE



SENATOR SEAN PARNELL, CO-CHAIR

Date: 4/05/00
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SENATOR JOHN TORGERSON, CO-CHAIR

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Cramer
4/4/00

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Amendment			
Motion			
Motion by	Sg		
Objection			
Objection by			
Removed			
Second Objection by			
Committee Member	Y	Vote	N
Senator Randy Phillips	✓		
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Senator Gary Wilken	✓		
Senator Pete Kelly	✓		
Senator Lyda Green			✓
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	✓		
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Tally			
Yea	7	0	
Nay		0	1
Absent		0	
MOTION	SB 289 moved		

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NOTES: Here are the amendments
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Jamie

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Amendment Number: #1

Bill Number: SB 289

Sponsor: Wilken Date: 4/5/00

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Amendment _____

OFFERED IN THE SENATE BY:

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Amendment Number: #2
Bill Number: SB 289
Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 4/5/00
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Amendment _____

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15 the accuracy and reliability of accounting data, promote operating efficiency, and
16 assure compliance with program requirements and generally accepted accounting
17 principles;

18 (2) the entity's activities do not replace or compete in any way with a
19 federally approved, jointly administered apprenticeship program or any other existing
20 training programs; and

21 (3) the entity has secured commitments from the private sector to
22 contribute to the program for which the grant is requested an amount equal to or
23 greater than the amount of the grant request.

24 (b) The council may not award a grant if the grant would displace money
25 available through existing public or private technical and vocational education
26 programs.

27 (c) Subject to the limits of its grant, an entity receiving a grant under this
28 section shall provide one or more program elements. The program elements include

- 29 (1) industry-specific training;
30 (2) on-the-job training; and
31 (3) institutional or classroom job-linked training.

1 (d) A technical or vocational educational institution that receives a grant from
2 the council shall give appropriate state agencies full access to accounting records
3 concerning the grant to assure compliance with program standards.

4 (e) In making a grant under this section, the council shall require that the
5 qualified entity and grantees of the qualified entity limit the amount of the grant
6 proceeds spent on administration so that the total spent on administration from the
7 proceeds of the technical and vocational education program account, including amounts
8 spent by the council itself, does not exceed five percent. A training program funded
9 by the council must

10 (1) meet the standards adopted by the council concerning the
11 percentage of a grant that may be spent on administrative costs;

12 (2) be operated by an institution that holds a valid authorization to
13 operate issued under AS 14.48 if the program is a postsecondary educational program
14 operated by a postsecondary educational institution subject to regulation under
15 AS 14.48.

16 (f) To the extent that funding is available, grants shall be awarded to entities
17 that apply for funding by the deadline established by the council by regulation. The
18 council shall give priority to grant applications from qualified entities whose purpose
19 is listed first on the list of priorities adopted under this subsection. If money remains
20 after grants for the first priority have been awarded, the council may make grants to
21 entities whose purpose is listed next on the list of priorities. The council shall proceed
22 in this fashion until it has exhausted the money available for granting for the year.
23 The council shall adopt a priority list each year based on economic, employment, and
24 other relevant data in order to maximize employment opportunities for participants.

25 **Sec. 23.15.850. Definitions.** In AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850,

26 (1) "council" means the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council;

27 (2) "program" means the Alaska technical and vocational education
28 program established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850.

29 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
30 to read:

31 **PROVISIONS FOR FIRST-YEAR OPERATION.** Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a),

1 enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the money collected
2 under AS 23.15.835, enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, or otherwise appropriated to the Alaska
3 Human Resource Investment Council shall be allocated directly in the following percentages
4 to the following institutions for programs consistent with AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850, enacted
5 by sec. 3 of this Act, and capital improvements:

6	University of Alaska	65 percent
7	Kotzebue Technical Center	12 percent
8	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	23 percent.

9 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 Legislative Session

BILL NO. CSSB 289 ^{FIN} ~~(L&S)~~

Revision Date: _____
Title: Board of Technical and Vocational Education
Sponsor: Senate Finance
Requester: Senate Finance

Dept. Affected Labor
BRU Employment Security
Component Unemployment Insurance
Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Personal Services	0.0					
Travel	4.5					
Contractual	3,124.9					
Supplies	1.5					
Equipment	0.0					
Land & Structures	0.0					
Grants & Claims	1,422.9					
Miscellaneous	0.0					
TOTAL OPERATING	4,553.8	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)

FUND SOURCE	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0					
1003 GF Match	0.0					
1004 GF	0.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1054 Empl Trng	4,553.8					
1091 Designated Program Receipts	0.0					
TOTAL	4,553.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) costs: 0.0


POSITIONS

POSITIONS	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

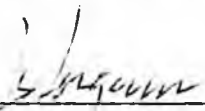
ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

Prepared By: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE


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Date: 3/11/99
Phone: 465-2828

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Fund Solvency Adjustment

A proposal has been made to amend the fund solvency adjustment schedule in AS 23.20.290 to lower the UI Trust Fund balance by \$10,000,000.

Effect on tax rates and fund solvency:

Short Term:

- Reducing the UI Trust Fund level would result in a 0.1% tax savings the first and second year after the reduction and create the potential for an additional 0.1% savings in the third year after the reduction.
- Once the fund reached the new reduced level, tax rates would move up, returning to the level that existed before the reduction took place.

Long Term:

- A lower Trust Fund level would weaken the stability of tax rates. Tax rates would tend to be more likely to increase or decrease in greater amounts to adjust for unforeseen changes in the trust balance.
- A lower Trust Fund level increases the likelihood for insolvency.
 - If the fund became insolvent due to a sharp economic downturn, Alaska could be forced to borrow money from the Federal government at market rates.
 - If Alaska suffered a severe recession (similar to 1986) and had to borrow money to cover benefit costs, employers could lose a credit against FUTA taxes. (Reference: U.S. Code: Title 26, Section 3302. Amount of lost credit varies depending on state circumstances.)

Compliance Issues:

Solvency Requirements:

- Future Reed Act distributions will be based on each state's ability to meet a national standard of solvency requiring an "average high cost multiple" of 1.0.
- Presently, Alaska barely meets the national solvency standard.
- A lower reserve decreases the likelihood that Alaska will meet this national solvency standard.



Alaska State Senate

Senate Finance Committee

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SB 289 – Board of Technical and Vocational Education Sponsor Statement

Oversight of the technical and vocational education programs in Alaska is currently being performed by two groups - the Alaska State Board of Education (BOE) and the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council (AHRIC). (The Alaska Commission on PostSecondary Education also has some peripheral involvement.)

This bill focuses Alaska's technical and vocational education into one new board, making it the authority for:

- ◆ Certification of accredited vocational and technical programs
- ◆ Establishing an Alaskan plan for technical and vocational education
- ◆ Awarding grants to technical and vocational education entities

The bill establishes a new employer fee of the wages paid by employers for unemployment compensation. The annual revenue from this source is expected to be about \$4.25 million annually.

The ATV will establish the guidelines for the grant awards for the new funds as well as other identified funds specific to vocational and technical education.

Passage of this bill will ensure that Alaska is appropriately planning for the technical and vocational education of its people. The state will then be in position to receive funds from the federal government for technical and vocational education programs.

POM for Senator Torgerson

From: Mr. Louis A Bencardino
PO Box 2064

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Seward, AK 99664

Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Bill: SB 289 **Title:** BOARD OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUC

Message:

Please support SB 289. Vocational education is extremely important to maintain a quality workforce for Alaska. A planning entity would help to avoid duplication of programs, could best identify the needs of the state in terms of vocational education and determine where resources should be spent.

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/17/00

FURTHER:

REPORTED OUT OF
SFC 4/12/00

Date of 5-Day Notice: 24 hour Rule
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4-13-00

Finance Committee considered . SENATE BILL NO. 290

"An Act relating to state funding for transportation of public school students; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 290 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS forth coming
- attached amendment(s) CS
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____
- further referral to the _____

- Senate Bill:
- same title
 - new title
- House Bill:
- same title
 - technical title
 - new: SCR" _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<u>Gregg White</u>	→	<u>Will E. Hill</u>	→		
		<u>Linda Gregg</u>			✓
		<u>Peter Kelly</u>	✓		
		<u>Foran D. Flynn</u>	✓		
		<u>Al Adams</u>		X	needs amend + w/ Equi
		<u>Don Dwyer</u>			✓
Co-Chair: _____		Co-Chair: <u>_____</u>		✓	
Co-Chair: <u>Alan Panel</u>	✓	Co-Chair: <u>_____</u>			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

#1 SFC	Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
	<u>Education</u>	<u>3/11/00</u>		<u>5079.9</u>

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE
REPORTED OUT OF
SFC 4/12/00

Bill Version: CSSB 290 (FIN)
(S) Publish Date: 4-13-00

Revision Date: 04/04/00

Title: An Act relating to state funding for transportation of
public school students; and providing for an effective date.

Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development

BRU: K-12 Support

Component: Pupil Transportation

Sponsor: Senate Finance

Requester: Senate Finance

Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Personal Services	0.0					
Travel	0.0					
Contractual	5,079.9					
Supplies	0.0					
Equipment	0.0					
Land & Structures	0.0					
Grants & Claims	0.0					
Miscellaneous	0.0					
TOTAL OPERATING	5,079.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

CHANGE IN REVENUES []

FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0					
1003 GF Match	0.0					
1004 GF	5,079.9					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0					
1091 Designated Program Receipts	0.0					
TOTAL	5,079.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) costs:

0.0

POSITIONS

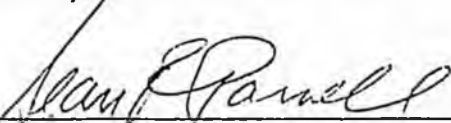
POSITIONS	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Full-time	0					
Part-time	0					
Temporary	0					

ANALYSIS:

(Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSSB 290 will reduce the amount of state reimbursement for pupil transportation cost equal to 50% of the increase over the base year of FY2001. The savings will be based on the increase in total pupil transportation expenditures from FY2001 to FY2002 and each subsequent year for all districts. The amounts will not be known until the daily rate proposals for FY2002 are submitted by prospective contractors in the fall of 2000. The cost reflected here funds pupil transportation at the Governor's FY2001 budget request.

Prepared By: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE



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Phone: 465-2995



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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 290	
Amendment	Report from	
Motion	Committee	
	"N"	
<u>Motion by</u>	W	
<u>Objection</u>		
<u>Objection by</u>	G / T	
<u>Removed</u>	✓	
<u>Second Objection by</u>		
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>	
Senator Loren Leman		
Senator Al Adams		
Senator Gary Wilken	✓	
Senator Pete Kelly	✓	
Senator Lyda Green		
Senator Randy Phillips	✓	
Senator Dave Donley	✓	
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	✓	
Co-Chair John Torgerson		
<u>Tally</u>		
Yea	5	0
Nay	3	0
Absent	1	0
<u>MOTION</u>	Pass	

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 6
Bill Number: SB 290
Sponsor: Adams Date: 4/12/00
Logged In By: Mindy

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Ford

4/12/00

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ADAMS

TO: CSSB 290(), Draft Version "N"

- 1 Page 1, line 1:
- 2 Delete "transportation of"

- 3 Page 3, following line 8:
- 4 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 5 **"* Sec. 5. AS 14.17.490(d) is repealed."**

- 6 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

- 7 Page 3, line 9:
- 8 Delete "Sections 3 and 4"
- 9 Insert "Sections 3 - 5"

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 290		
Amendment	#6		
Motion	Adopt		
Motion by	A		
Objection			
Objection by	T		
Removed			
Second Objection by			
Committee Member	Y	Vote	N
Senator Pete Kelly		+	
Senator Lyda Green			✓
Senator Randy Phillips			✓
Senator Dave Donley			✓
Senator Loren Leman			✓
Senator Al Adams	✓		
Senator Gary Wilken			✓
Co-Chair Sean Parnell			✓
Co-Chair John Torgerson			✓
Tally			
Yea	7	0	
Nay	1	0	
Absent	1	0	
MOTION	FFIL		

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE
Amendment Number: 5 1-LS1555\N.1
Bill Number: SB 290 Ford
Sponsor: Green Date: 4/12/00 4/12/00
Logged In By: Mindy

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GREEN

TO: CSSB 290(), Draft Version "N"

- 1 Page 2, line 21:
- 2 Delete "principals. assistant principals."
- 3 Insert "assistant principals"

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 290	
Amendment	#5	
Motion	accpt	
<u>Motion by</u>	G	
<u>Objection</u>		
<u>Objection by</u>	T	
<u>Removed</u>		
<u>Second Objection by</u>		
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	N
Senator Gary Wilken		✓
Senator Pete Kelly		✓
Senator Lyda Green	✓	
Senator Randy Phillips		✓
Senator Dave Donley		✓
Senator Loren Lemar		✓
Senator Al Adams		✓
Co-Chair Sean Parnell		✓
Co-Chair John Torgerson		✓
<u>Tally</u>		
Yea	1	0
Nay	8	0
Absent	-	0
<u>MOTION</u>	FAIL	

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE
Amendment Number: #4
Bill Number: SB 290
Sponsor: Adams Date: 4/3/00
Logged In By: Mindy

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN SENATE FINANCE

BY SENATOR ADAMS

TO: CSSB 290 () version D

On page 1, lines 13 and 14:

Delete: 2001

Insert : 2000

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE
Amendment Number: #3 1-LS1555A.2
Bill Number: SB 290 Ford
Sponsor: Adams Date: 4/3/00 3/27/00
Logged In By: Mindy

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ADAMS

TO: SB 290

- 1 Page 1, line 1:
- 2 Delete "transportation of"

- 3 Page 1, following line 13:
- 4 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 5 "* Sec. 2. AS 14.17.490(d) is repealed."

- 6 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE #2 1-LS1555VA.1 ✓
Amendment Number: #2
Bill Number: SB 290 Ford
Sponsor: Green Date: 3/27/00 3/27/00
Logged In By: Mindy

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GREEN

TO: SB 290

- 1 Page 1, line 13, following "district":
- 2 Insert "; the 50 percent limitation imposed under this paragraph does not apply
- 3 to student transportation system operating costs that are incurred as a result of an
- 4 increase in student enrollment"

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: # 1
Bill Number: SB 290
Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 3/27/00
Logged In By: Mindy

AMENDMENT

(not offered)

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SB 290

BY SENATOR TORGERSON

1. Page 1, line 1, following "students;":
2. Insert "and to minimum expenditure for instruction;"

3. Page 1, following line 13:
4. Insert a new bill section to read:
5. ** Sec. 2. AS14.17.520 is amended to read:
6. (a) A district shall budget for and spend a minimum of 80 [70] percent
7. of its school operating expenditures in each fiscal year on the instructional
8. component of the district budget.

9. Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 290	
Amendment	Version "N"	
Motion	adopt as Workdraft	
<u>Motion by</u>	W	
<u>Objection</u>		
<u>Objection by</u>	T	
<u>Removed</u>		
<u>Second Objection by</u>		
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Senator Al Adams		✓
Senator Gary Wilken	✓	
Senator Pete Kelly		✓
Senator Lyda Green	✓	
Senator Randy Phillips		✓
Senator Dave Donley	✓	
Senator Loren Leman	✓	
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	✓	
Co-Chair John Torgerson		✓
<u>Tally</u>		
Yea	6	0
Nay	4	0
Absent		0
<u>MOTION</u>	Pass	

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4/11/00

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 290()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to state funding for transportation of public school students;
2 relating to a minimum amount of expenditures by school districts for
3 instruction; determining the facilities constituting a school for purposes of public
4 school funding; and providing for an effective date."

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

6 * Section 1. AS 14.09.010(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (d) of this section, a [A] school district
8 that enters into a contract described under (a)(1) of this section shall be reimbursed for

9 (1) at least 90 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation
10 system if the transportation is provided by the school district; and

11 (2) 100 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation system
12 when the transportation is provided under a contract with the school district.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.09.010(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 (d) Transportation costs eligible for reimbursement under this section are

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1 subject to the following adjustments:

2 (1) transportation costs may not exceed the amount received by the
3 school district for student transportation reimbursement in state fiscal year 2001;

4 (2) costs resulting from new school facilities, an increase in enrollment,
5 or costs incurred to meet a requirement imposed by state or federal law are exempt
6 from the limit imposed under (d) of this subsection;

7 (3) the sum calculated under (1) of this subsection shall be increased
8 for each state fiscal year following state fiscal year 2001 by the lesser of the following:

9 (A) four percent; or

10 (B) any increases in the Consumer Price Index for all urban
11 consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the Bureau of
12 Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor; the index for January of
13 2001 is the reference base index; and

14 (4) only 50 percent of those costs reimbursable under this section that
15 are in excess of the sum calculated under (1) - (3) of this subsection shall be
16 reimbursed to a school district.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 14.17.520(f) is amended to read:

18 (f) In this section,

19 (1) "instructional component" means [INCLUDES] expenditures for
20 teachers and [FOR] pupil support services, but does not include expenditures for
21 school administration or for principals, assistant principals, or other assistants
22 employed to generally supervise administrative operations of a school;

23 (2) "school administration" means expenditures related to
24 managing a school, including expenditures for supplies, materials, and travel.

25 * Sec. 4. AS 14.17.905 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school.** For purposes of this chapter,
27 the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the following:

28 (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100,
29 shall be counted as one school;

30 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 450
31 [750], shall be counted as

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(A) one elementary school, which includes those students in grades kindergarten through six [6]; and

(B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades seven [7] through 12;

(3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 450 [750], each facility that is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each alternative school with an ADM of less than 200 shall be counted as a part of the school in the district with the highest ADM.

* Sec. 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

* Sec. 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect July 1, 2001.

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 290()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to state funding for transportation of public school students,
2 relating to a minimum amount of expenditures by school districts for
3 instruction; determining the facilities constituting a school for purposes of public
4 school funding; and providing for an effective date."

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

6 * Section 1. AS 14.09.010(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (d) of this section, a [A] school district
8 that enters into a contract described under (a)(1) of this section shall be reimbursed for

9 (1) at least 90 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation
10 system if the transportation is provided by the school district; and

11 (2) 100 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation system
12 when the transportation is provided under a contract with the school district.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.09.010(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 (d) Transportation costs eligible for reimbursement under this section are

1 subject to the following adjustments:

2 (1) transportation costs may not exceed the amount received by the
3 school district for student transportation reimbursement in state fiscal year 2001;
4 however, costs resulting from new school facilities, an increase in enrollment, or costs
5 incurred to meet a requirement imposed by state or federal law, are exempt from the
6 limit imposed under this paragraph;

7 (2) the sum calculated under (1) of this subsection shall be increased
8 by four percent for each state fiscal year following state fiscal year 2001; and

9 (3) only 50 percent of those costs reimbursable under this section that
10 are in excess of the sum calculated under (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be
11 reimbursed to a school district.

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23 [750], shall be counted as

24 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in
25 grades kindergarten through six [6]; and

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27 seven [7] through 12;

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- 2 * Sec. 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect July 1, 2001.

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7 (1) at least 90 percent of the cost of operating the student transportation system if the
8 transportation is provided by the school district; and (2) 100 percent of the cost of
9 operating the student transportation system when the transportation is provided under
10 a contract with the school district. Only 50 percent of those costs reimbursable
11 under (1) and (2) of this subsection that are in excess of the amount received by
12 the school district for student transportation reimbursement in state fiscal year
13 2001 shall be reimbursed to the school district.

14 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.



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Sponsor Statement

SB 290 – Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Costs

Currently school district transportation costs that are approved by the Department of Education and Early Development are eligible for 100% reimbursement by the State. Senate Bill 290 sets forth a plan to involve local school districts in the funding of the district's pupil transportation costs.

Under this legislation, any increase to the school district's transportation costs that is above the amount received by the district for student transportation reimbursement in FY01 is shared equally between the local school district and the State of Alaska. The State will reimburse 50% of the additional transportation costs and the school district will fund the remaining 50%.

In the past several years, the cost to transport our students to school has risen substantially. Under the current reimbursement scheme, the cost to local districts is minimal or non-existent. Senate Bill 290 asks local school boards to take a greater responsibility and involvement in funding the costs of transporting our children.

Senate Bill 290 requires a financial commitment upon the part of the school board, thus focusing the local district's interest and attention on ways to provide the best and least costly transportation for its student body. The intent of this legislation is to validate the cost of pupil transportation, thereby directing state education dollars where they belong, in the classroom.

Your support for SB 290 is encouraged.

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- 350 SUPPORT SERVICES - INSTRUCTION - Activities which assist instructional staff with the content and process of providing learning experience for students. This includes the cost of non-teaching directors and/or coordinators of instructional programs, librarians and library aides. Instruction related inservice supplies, materials, travel and conference fees and curriculum development are coded to this function. (Required)
- 351 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - Educational improvement through leadership, guidance, inservice training and supervision designed to aid teaching staff and improve curriculum and curriculum materials. (Optional)
- 352 LIBRARY SERVICE - Pertains to the cost of organizing and maintaining libraries. (Optional)
- 353 AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES - Pertains to the preparation, storage, maintenance, cataloging and circulation of audio-visual materials and equipment from central locations in the school system. (Optional)
- 354 INSERVICE - General instruction of teaching staff including teacher training, conferences, workshops, and staff development related expenses including membership in staff development networks. (Optional)
- 400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION - Activities of directing and managing a school. This function includes the activities performed by the principal, assistant principal and other assistants in general supervision of administrative operations of the school, evaluation of school staff members, assignment of duties to staff members, supervision and maintenance of the school records and coordination of school instruction activities. Salaries for principals, assistant principals, and support staff for school administration are classified under this function. Expenditures for supplies, materials, communication and school administration travel are included. (Required)
- 510 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION - Activities related to the broad overall executive and general administration of the school system and the elected body which has been created according to State law and vested with responsibilities for educational activities in a given geographical area. (Required)
- 511 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Consists of the activities of the elected body which has been created according to State law and vested with responsibilities for educational activities in a given geographical area. Expenditures for lobbyists are included under this function. (Optional)
- 512 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - Pertains to the activities performed by the superintendent and such assistants as deputy, associate and assistant superintendents, in the broad overall executive and general direction and management of all affairs of the school system. (Optional)