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Title _____

Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development

BRU K-12 Support

Component Foundation Program

Sponsor _____

Requester _____

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

CHANGE IN REVENUES ()

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).

Proposed Saving is already taken in the Governor's proposed FY 04 budget.

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Agency Education and Early Development

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Date/Time 3/5/03 8:50 AM

Date 3/5/2003

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	197,558,078	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	3,484,355	3,484,355	-
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	64,768,592	64,768,279	19,667
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
Kake	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	1,098,348	1,108,572	10,224
Sitka Borough	6,567,113	6,579,916	12,803
Skagway	707,917	707,917	-
Southeast Island	2,658,024	2,676,659	18,636
Southwest Region	5,808,090	5,808,090	-
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	5,821,060	12,962
Yupik	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:	641,078,268	644,984,492	3,916,226

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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Pete Kott
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Kott:

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 children.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

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March 13, 2003

By hand delivery

Representative Carl Gatto
State Capitol Room 411
Juneau, Alaska

RE: Retain funding for Alyeska Central Correspondence School

Dear Representative Gatto:

We are writing to urge you to retain funding for the Alyeska Central Correspondence School.

Little money will be saved by closing ACS, whose students will move to other public schools that require transportation. Their attendance at other schools will be funded by the same foundation formula that funds their education through ACS, whether they are enrolled in another correspondence school, or a regular school.

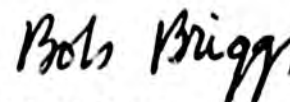
The proposal to eliminate the Alyeska Centralized Correspondence School is unwise. ACS has provided quality education to Alaskan children since 1939. Students at Alyeska have personal relationships with certified teachers. Over the last ten years, ACS students have been statewide National History Day essay winners three times and have been represented at state Math Decathalons several times. It makes no sense to close such a quality school. Due to the quality of ACS' education, this correspondence school has attracted both rural and non-rural students. When high school exit exams are such an issue, keeping quality schools operating should be a priority.

Please use your vote, in the House HESS Committee, the House Special Committee on Education, and on the floor, to continue funding for ACS.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Corrette



Robert Briggs

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARA

TO: HB 154

1 Page 1, following line 3:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new
4 section to read:

5 **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislature that public school funding
6 that will be saved due to the amendment made by sec. 2 of this Act shall be redirected to head
7 start preschool programs in areas of the state where the programs are needed. The current
8 program of state aid to public schools is used to provide early education for children who are
9 four years old in a manner that is unequal among school districts. This inequality, and the
10 possibility that school districts might qualify for an additional \$50,000,000 or more in public
11 school funding by taking advantage of the current statutory language, necessitates the
12 amendment made by sec. 2 of this Act. However, the legislature supports the goal of
13 providing learning opportunities for preschool and pre-kindergarten children. This goal can
14 better be accomplished through increased funding to the state's head start programs. Thus,
15 any money saved by the amendment made by sec. 2 of this Act shall be redirected to state
16 head start programs."

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18 Page 1, line 4:

19 Delete "Section 1"

20 Insert "Sec. 2"

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22 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.