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Testimony of Carl Rose
Executive Director
Association of Alaska School Boards
Senate Special Committee on Education
January 30, 2008

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Carl Rose, executive director of the Association of Alaska School Boards. I am pleased to be able to speak today on SB 240.

SB 240 is the work of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, which met during the interim to provide the member districts of AASB and the public an opportunity to testify in depth about the needs of our public schools across the state. In essence, the joint task force took the time that you do not have in regular session to explore multiple parts of the foundation formula for K-12 education.

As you may recall, at the end of the 2007 regular session, the Legislature and the public simply ran out of time to address education funding, the PERS-TRS issue and municipal assistance and revenue sharing. The short-term answer was a one-year cash grant for each of these fundamental programs.

In their wisdom, the leadership of the House and Senate drafted SCR 11 and appointed five members of each body to work on the foundation formula, realizing that if a consensus could be found there, the other pieces of the puzzle would fall into place. I was honored to be able to sit at the table with these House and Senate members as an appointee of the governor to the joint task force.

Chairman Hawker instructed the task force to put all issues regarding K-12 education on the table at our first meetings. We did so, but soon we realized that six key issues were the primary concerns of the Legislature and the public. Four of those issues are embodied in SB 240, including the Base Student Allocation, the District Cost Factor, funding for Intensive Needs students, and a hold-harmless clause for districts with declining enrollments.

The genius of the Joint Task Force is that it allowed 10 legislators the time required to explore in-depth the sometimes complex challenges

facing public education in Alaska. On July 11th and 12th alone, the task force took testimony from 14 different school districts. Anchorage school officials testified for two hours. Kenai testified for a full hour. That kind of in-depth inquiry is seldom available to legislators during the regular session.

The task force recommendations are before the Senate in two bills and three resolutions. The most important of these is SB 240. This bill represents the best hope in ten years for improving our foundation formula and helping the school children of Alaska achieve a first-rate education.

During the course of my career as a school board member and now education lobbyist, I have participated in every major overhaul of our education laws. The opportunity to address multiple components of the foundation formula does not come around very often. I would encourage the Legislature to seize this opportunity. If you follow the recommendations of the task force, the results will be worth it. These include:

- Forward and early funding of education for the first time ever.
- An adjustment to the District Cost Factor
- An increase in the Base Student Allocation
- Additional funding for Intensive Needs students
- A hold-harmless clause to provide relief in the event of a sharp reduction in enrollment
- A recalculation of transportation costs to 2007 figures.

In closing, I would like to thank the Legislature for the foresight to appoint the task force. The ten House and Senate members who devoted their time to the task force deserve a thank you, as well, as does the governor for appointing me to serve and endorsing the work of the task force. Special appreciation is due Chairman Hawker for his leadership in guiding the task force to a consensus.

AASB stands ready to work with the Legislature this session on improving our education laws and helping our school districts provide a quality education for Alaska's youth.

Thank you.

PUPIL TRANS. AMENDMENT

- Priority component of the Task Force's recommendation.
- Numbers not available when Task Force finished its business.
- Intent was to include Pupil Trans. schedule in the funding package.

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AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEDMAN

TO: SB 240

1 Page 1, line 1, following "funding,":

2 Insert "funding for student transportation services,"

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4 Page 1, following line 4:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

6 "** Section 1. AS 14.09.010(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 (a) A school district that provides student transportation services is eligible to
8 receive funding for operating the student transportation system. Subject to
9 appropriation, the amount of funding provided by the state under this section is the
10 amount of the school district's ADM, less the ADM for the district's correspondence
11 programs during the current fiscal year, multiplied by the per student amount for the
12 school district as follows:

13	DISTRICT	PER STUDENT AMOUNT
14	Alaska Gateway	\$1,566
15	Aleutians East	265
16	Anchorage	384
17	Annette Island	61
18	Bering Strait	45
19	Bristol Bay	2,187
20	Chatham	73
21	Copper River	1,387
22	Cordova	278
23	Craig	266

1	Delta/Greely	1,413
2	Denali	1,708
3	Dillingham	1,020
4	Fairbanks	665
5	Galena	241
6	Haines	592
7	Hoonah	281
8	Iditarod	178
9	Juneau	525
10	Kake	193
11	Kashunamiut	5
12	Kenai Peninsula	638
13	Ketchikan	686
14	Klawock	210
15	Kodiak Island	560
16	Kuspuk	618
17	Lake and Peninsula	359
18	Lower Kuskokwim	198
19	Lower Yukon	1
20	Matanuska-Susitna	726
21	Nenana	530
22	Nome	368
23	North Slope	896
24	Northwest Arctic	21
25	Pelican	68
26	Petersburg	261
27	Saint Mary's	71
28	Sitka	404
29	Skagway	34
30	Southeast Island	1,040
31	Southwest Region	565

1	Tanana	451
2	Unalaska	612
3	Valdez	629
4	Wrangell	563
5	Yakutat	683
6	Yukon Flats	237
7	Yukon/Koyukuk	282
8	Yupiit	2.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.09.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) Beginning July 1, 2009, funding provided to a school district under (a) of
 11 this section shall be adjusted annually on October 1 according to changes in the
 12 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area
 13 compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The
 14 index for 1982 to 1984 is the reference base index for an adjustment made under this
 15 subsection."

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17 Page 1, line 5:

18 Delete "**Section 1**"

19 Insert "**Sec. 3**"

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21 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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23 Page 4, line 1:

24 Delete "sec. 2"

25 Insert "sec. 4"

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27 Page 4, line 13:

28 Delete "secs. 2 and 3"

29 Insert "secs. 4 and 5"

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31 Page 6, line 31:

- 1 Delete "sec. 6"
- 2 Insert "sec. 8"
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- 4 Page 7, line 3:
- 5 Delete "secs. 6 and 7"
- 6 Insert "secs. 8 and 9"
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- 8 Page 7, following line 5:
- 9 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 10 "** Sec. 11. AS 14.09.010(c), added by sec. 2 of this Act, is repealed June 30, 2011."
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- 12 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
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- 14 Page 7, line 6:
- 15 Delete "Sections 1, 2, 5, and 6"
- 16 Insert "Sections 3, 4, 7, and 8"
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- 18 Page 7, line 7:
- 19 Delete "Sections 3 and 7"
- 20 Insert "Sections 5 and 9"
- 21
- 22 Page 7, line 8:
- 23 Delete "Sections 4 and 8"
- 24 Insert "Sections 6 and 10"

Department of Education & Early Development
Recalibration of Rates
Pupil Transportation
January 30, 2008

DISTRICT	FY2009 ADM	FY2009 per-child-cost Budget	FY2009 Budget	Recalibrated FY2009 per-child-cost w/ 08 & 09 CPI	FY2009 New Projection	per-child-cost Difference	Grant Difference
ALASKA GATEWAY	338.25	1,227	415,033	1,566	529,700	339	114,667
ALEUTIAN REGION	39.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALEUTIANS EAST	262.00	223	58,426	265	69,430	42	11,004
ANCHORAGE	46,888.00	357	16,739,016	384	18,004,992	27	1,265,976
ANNETTE ISLAND	272.00	94	25,568	61	16,592	(33)	(8,976)
BERING STRAIT	1,674.00	44	73,656	45	75,330	1	1,674
BRISTOL BAY	171.00	1,227	209,817	2,187	373,977	960	164,160
CHATHAM	160.15	71	11,371	73	11,691	2	320
CHUGACH	73.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
COPPER RIVER	484.00	1,227	593,868	1,387	671,308	160	77,440
CORDOVA	393.00	174	68,382	278	109,254	104	40,872
CRAIG	338.70	367	124,303	266	90,094	(101)	(34,209)
DELTA/GREELY	862.00	1,227	1,057,674	1,413	1,218,006	186	160,332
DENALI	252.00	1,203	303,156	1,708	430,416	505	127,260
DILLINGHAM	512.00	845	432,640	1,020	522,240	175	89,600
FAIRBANKS	13,775.00	621	8,554,275	665	9,160,375	44	606,100
GALENA	240.00	226	54,240	241	57,840	15	3,600
HAJINES	290.00	554	160,660	592	171,680	38	11,020
HOONAH	124.00	190	23,560	281	34,844	91	11,284
HYDABURG	76.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
IDITAROD	204.00	144	29,376	178	36,312	34	6,936
JUNEAU	4,925.00	391	1,925,675	525	2,585,625	134	659,950
KAKE	91.00	187	17,017	193	17,563	6	546
KASHUNAMIUT	332.00	10	3,320	5	1,660	(5)	(1,660)
KENAI PENINSULA	8,039.00	529	4,252,631	638	5,128,882	109	876,251
KETCHIKAN	2,248.00	562	1,263,376	686	1,542,128	124	278,752
KLAWOCK	134.00	197	26,398	210	28,140	13	1,742
KODIAK	2,590.00	454	1,175,860	560	1,450,400	106	274,540
KUSPUK	384.00	550	211,200	618	237,312	68	26,112
LAKE & PENINSULA	363.00	272	98,736	359	130,317	87	31,581
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	4,008.00	151	605,208	198	793,584	47	188,376
LOWER YUKON	2,042.75	2	4,086	1	2,043	(1)	(2,043)
MAT-SU	14,801.00	760	11,248,760	726	10,745,526	(34)	(503,234)
NENANA	215.00	588	126,420	530	113,950	(58)	(12,470)
NOME	798.00	374	298,452	368	293,664	(6)	(4,788)
NORTH SLOPE	1,615.00	451	728,365	896	1,447,040	445	718,675
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	1,943.00	23	44,689	21	40,803	(2)	(3,886)
PELICAN	17.00	64	1,088	68	1,156	4	68
PETERSBURG	548.00	239	130,972	261	143,028	22	12,056
PRIIBILOF	111.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
ST. MARY'S	185.00	4	740	71	13,135	67	12,395
SITKA	1,335.00	414	552,690	404	539,340	(10)	(13,350)
SKAGWAY	100.00	31	3,100	34	3,400	3	300
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	151.00	1,227	185,277	1,040	157,040	(187)	(28,237)
SOUTHWEST REGION	661.10	325	214,858	565	373,522	240	158,664
TANANA	57.00	400	22,800	451	25,707	51	2,907
UNALASKA	400.00	545	218,000	612	244,800	67	26,800
VALDEZ	716.00	482	345,112	629	450,364	147	105,252
WRANGELL	340.00	439	149,260	563	191,420	124	42,160
YAKUTAT	105.00	448	47,040	683	71,715	235	24,675
YUKON FLATS	283.59	262	74,301	237	67,211	(25)	(7,090)
YUKON/KOYUKUK	323.10	333	107,592	282	91,114	(51)	(16,478)
YUPIIT	493.00	2	986	2	986	0	0
TOTALS			53,019,030		58,516,656		5,497,626

SUPPORT LTR.'s

From: Comeau_Carol [mailto:Comeau_Carol@asdk12.org]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2008 3:30 PM

To: Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Gary Wilken; Sen. Donny Olson

Cc: School Board; Egan_Michelle

Subject: Senate Bill 240

Senators Stevens, Huggins, Davis, Olson, and Wilken:

I am not able to testify to your Senate Education Committee tomorrow, but want you all to know that the Anchorage School Board and Administration strongly support SB 240. We participated in all of the Joint Education Funding Task Force Committee meetings and applaud the work of the Task Force. I believe that they identified a myriad of important issues surrounding education funding for ALL districts in the state, and were able to make strong recommendations on major items.

Of course, we support the Governor's recommendation of an additional \$200 per student on the BSA over the next three years, as it would allow for forward funding at a level that meets inflationary costs, and would allow us to plan and monitor how the programs and essential student services derived from this additional funding increase student achievement and engagement in learning. We are currently working through our public budget hearings on FY 08-09 budget based on the Task Force Report.

In addition to the increase to the BSA over three years, we strongly support the increase to the Intensive Needs Funding using \$9, \$11, and \$13 over the next three years to support these individualized and mandated services for our neediest students. We are seeing an increase in severely disabled and emotionally challenged students and the funding has not kept pace with our needs. Currently, we receive \$26,000 per student and our average cost is \$74,000 per student; our general fund makes up the difference, thus reducing services to all of our other students. We want these Intensive Needs students to be successful, but not at the expense of all the other students. We are also working very hard to lobby Congress on the need to fund their 40% of the costs of the federal mandate. We currently receive only 17% of the costs to deliver the services. In addition, we have just been notified that we will not receive Medicaid funding which supports some of our administrative and transportation costs for these students beginning July 1, 2008.

Finally, we support the increase to the cost factors for all districts outside of Anchorage. Though we do not benefit from this increase directly, we believe it is the right thing to do for Alaska's districts and students. It definitely costs more to educate students in districts outside of Anchorage.

We are also in support of SB 125 which is essential, along with SB 240 if communities are going to be able to tolerate increased costs for energy, transportation, and PERS/TRS.

Thank you for your service to our state; if you have questions about any of my comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be in Juneau Feb. 9-11 and hope to be able to see each of you.

Carol Comeau
ASD Superintendent

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From: Friedman_Jeff [mailto:Friedman_Jeff@asdk12.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 11:19 AM

To: Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Wilken

Cc: Comeau_Carol

Subject: SB 240

Dear Senator Stevens and committee members:

I am writing to you as the chair of the Anchorage School Board's Legislative Committee. SB 240 will be heard by your committee tomorrow, and I wish to express the Anchorage School Board's strong support for that bill.

The Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force worked very hard last summer. The Task Force heard hours of testimony, and spent additional hours discussing ways to improve education funding in Alaska. The excellent process led to an excellent result. Clearly, the final recommendation contained compromises. At the same time, no vital interest was ignored. The Task Force's recommendations form a solid basis for improving academic achievement throughout Alaska.

I have attached a copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the Anchorage School Board. In addition, the Alaska Association of School Boards adopted a similar position in support of the Task Force recommendations.

SB 240 contains most of the Task Force recommendations (others have been proposed in companion bills). During its deliberations, the Task Force initially thought not to make any recommendation as to the Base Student Allocation amount. After some discussion, it was decided that some increase to the BSA was needed, and that a minimum amount of \$100 additional per year would be included as a place holder. Both the discussion at that meeting and the language of the report indicate that this amount was not set in stone, but was intended solely as the minimum amount that should be considered. Based on current cost estimates, the Anchorage School Board, and AASB, support increases of \$200 per year over the next three years. Governor Palin used this same figure when she adopted the Task Force recommendations and filled in some of the details left open by the Task Force's report.

Anchorage supports phased increases to the District Cost Factors with the understanding that a new study will be completed to update those cost factors. The

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phased increases in intensive needs funding are extremely important to Anchorage, and are important to districts throughout the state since a single, expensive high need student could bankrupt a small district. Changes to the transportation reimbursement formula are also important.

Because of the phased increases to the District Cost Factors, much of the new money will not come to Anchorage. Anchorage still supports those increases, along with the entire package of Task Force recommendations because we believe that Anchorage benefits from strong districts throughout the state. I urge you to support SB 240 and include with it the BSA levels suggested by the Governor.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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2008 Legislative Priorities

Alaska PTA supports access to career/technical training and workforce development programs for all Alaska's secondary students to enhance school relevance, meet student needs and improve the graduation rate.

Alaska PTA strongly supports the reconstitution and independent active management of the Alaska Public School Land Trust. In addition, Alaska PTA seeks a representative seat to assist in the management of the School Trust Lands and Public School Permanent Fund. Further, Alaska PTA supports legislation that requires that funding generated from the Public School Land Trust directly benefit every Alaskan public school without supplanting traditional education funding.

Alaska PTA supports the recommendations of the Alaska Legislative Task force on Education Funding, establishing a more stable, equitable and adequate financial foundation for Alaska's schools.

Alaska PTA supports significant capital investment in technology for schools to prepare Alaska's students for the digital future.

Alaska PTA strongly advocates that every school district in Alaska adopts and implements a wellness policy that incorporates:

- "Nutrition standards that exceed the federal minimum requirements for school meals and foods available for general consumption."
- Assurance of daily physical activity for every student K-12 of at least 45 minutes.

- The implementation of a healthy curriculum K-12 that emphasizes the physical, mental and emotional benefits of good nutrition and physical activity.
- Parent education on the obesity problem and the importance of adults and children developing life-long habits for good health.
- A school employee wellness component.

Alaska PTA strongly supports and advocates for the development and implementation of the parental involvement policies of the No Child Left Behind bill.

These priorities are in no particular order of preference. The Alaska PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer registered 501C3 membership based organization of almost 10,000 members working and advocating on behalf of all Alaska's children.

For Further information contact the Alaska PTA.

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K-12 Foundation Formula Funding—State of Alaska FY2002 through FY2011

Year	Base Student Allocation (BSA)	% change	Formula Additions Not in BSA	Formula Additions	BSA Increase	Cost of BSA Increase	Formula Additions as a % of BSA Increase	Additions Converted to BSA Equivalent	Adjusted BSA	Increase in Adjusted BSA since FY02	Percent Increase in Adjusted BSA since FY02	Years since FY02	Increase in Adjusted BSA	Average Annual Increase in Adjusted BSA	Average Annual Increase in Adjusted BSA	CPI	Average Inflation Factor	Inflation since FY02	Retirement (Estimated)	Retirement as a % of BSA Increase	Retirement Converted to BSA Equivalent	Adjusted BSA (with Retirement)	cpi adj	Inflation Adjusted BSA
2002	\$ 4,010	0.0%	12.4	Learning Opportunity Grants	70	14.8	84%	59	\$ 4,069							156.8						\$ 4,069	\$ 4,069	
2003	\$ 4,010	0.0%	23.3	Learning Opportunity Grants	70	14.8	157%	110	\$ 4,120	\$ 52	1%	1	1.01	1.012671	1.3%	160.1						\$ 4,120	1.02105	\$ 4,154
2004	\$ 4,169	4.0%							\$ 4,169	\$ 100	2%	2	1.02	1.012257	1.2%	164.8						\$ 4,169	1.02930	\$ 4,276
2005	\$ 4,576	14.1%							\$ 4,576	\$ 507	12%	3	1.12	1.039949	4.0%	168.7			-23	-24%	(110)	\$ 4,466	1.02367	\$ 4,377
2006	\$ 4,919	22.7%							\$ 4,919	\$ 850	21%	4	1.21	1.048502	4.9%	175.4			-46	-48%	(221)	\$ 4,698	1.03972	\$ 4,551
				District Cost Factors (DCF's) and School Improvement Grants																				
2007	\$ 5,380	34.2%	46	District Cost Factors (DCF's) and School Improvement Grants	461	96	48%	221	\$ 5,601	\$ 1,532	38%	5	1.38	1.06601	6.6%	178.7	1.026492		-69	-72%	(331)	\$ 5,270	1.01881	\$ 4,637
2008	\$ 5,380	34.2%	70	Grants	461	97	72%	333	\$ 5,713	\$ 1,644	40%	6	1.40	1.058193	5.8%	183.434			200	206%	951	\$ 6,663	1.02649	\$ 4,760
2009	\$ 5,480	36.7%	90.1	DCF and Intensive Needs	200	44.8	201%	402	\$ 5,882	\$ 1,814	45%	7	1.45	1.054072	5.4%	188.294	102.65%	20%	200	446%	893	\$ 6,775	1.02649	\$ 4,886
2010	\$ 5,580	39.2%	124.2	DCF and Intensive Needs	200	46	270%	540	\$ 6,120	\$ 2,051	50%								200	435%	870	\$ 6,990	1.02649	\$ 5,015
2011	\$ 5,680	41.6%	159.5	DCF and Intensive Needs	200	47.2	338%	676	\$ 6,396	\$ 2,287	56%								200	424%	847	\$ 7,203	1.02649	\$ 5,148
				Education Task Force Recommendations												31.4938	since FY02							
FY09 Additions to Formula		99.1																						
FY09 Retirement Costs		216.4																						
Total		306.5																						

Question: How much has state spending for education increased since FY2002?

Method 1—Total Spending

643.2 FY02 OF spending for foundation
 1,214.0 FY09 OF (at Ed Task Force Recommendations plus retirement costs) no debt reimbursement
 570.8 increase
 89% percent increase in 7 years
 9.5% percent annual growth rate

on a per student basis

132,869.66 FY02 ADM
 128,575.39 FY09 ADM
 \$ 4,848 Per ADM in FY02
 \$ 9,442 Per ADM in FY09
 \$ 4,594 increase in per student funding
 95% increase in per student funding

Inflation adjusted

\$ 772 Inflation adjusted FY02 Spending
 \$ 5,822 Inflation adjusted spending per ADM in FY02
 \$ 3,620 Inflation adjusted increase in per student funding
 62% increase in per student funding

Method 2—Increases in the BSA

(This method is shown on DEED's "pencil chart")

The pencil chart has been modified to reflect the Education Task Force Recommended \$100 increase in the BSA

The BSA alone does not reflect K-12 funding increases because significant funding has occurred outside the BSA

After adjusting for "outside" funding, K-12 funding has increased 45% since FY02, for an annual growth rate of 5.4%

Retirement contribution rates have changed since FY02, which alters effective funding in the intermediate years but does not affect the "start-to-end" comparison of FY02 to FY09—rates have been rolled back to FY02 levels

Annual inflation since FY02 has averaged 2.06%, so K-12 funding has grown at twice the rate of inflation since FY02.

Method 3—Outside Funding Sources

This chart is available as a "pencil chart" here.
 You may also find it at the top of the DEED website at <http://www.deed.state.ak.us>

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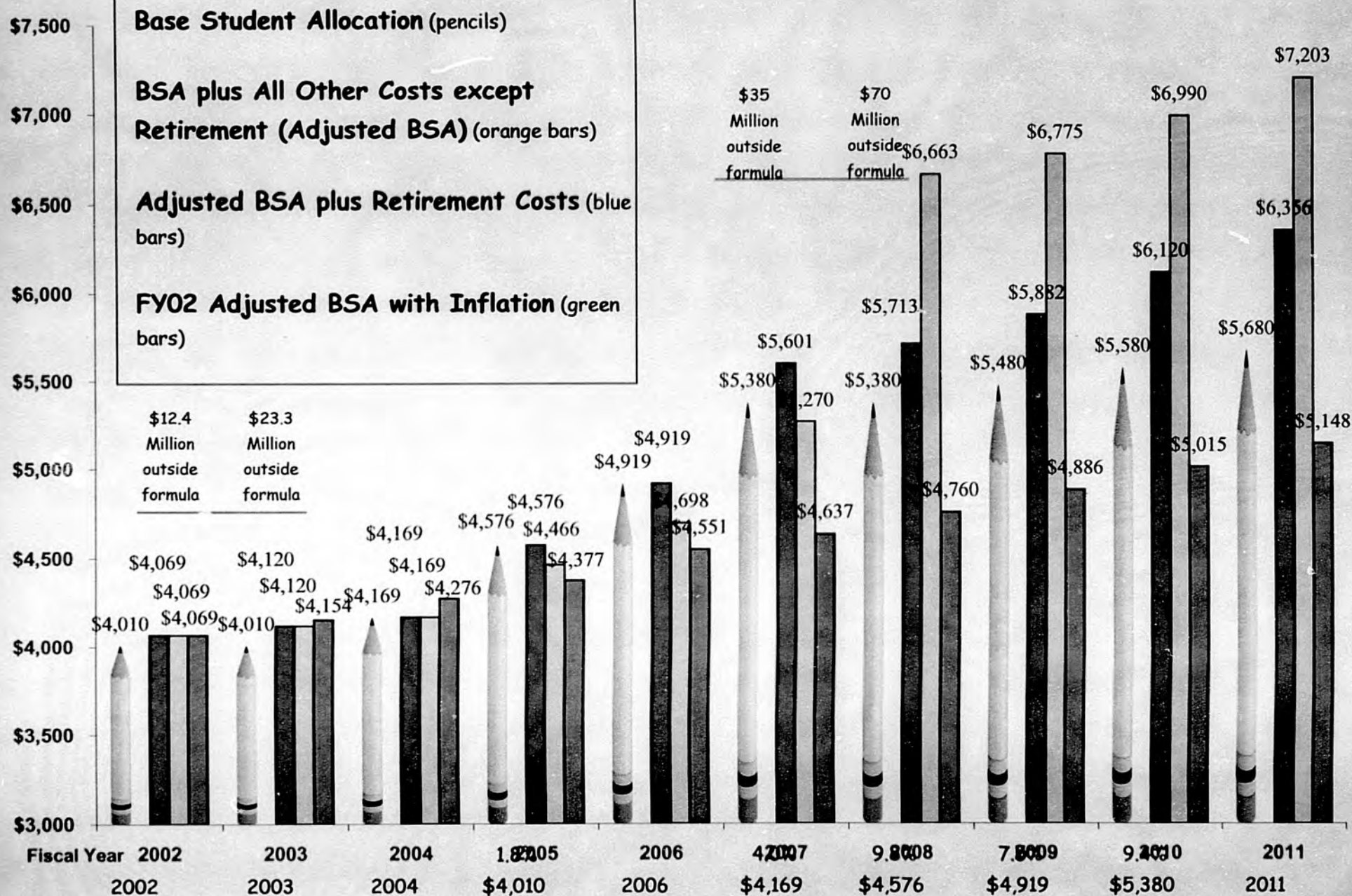
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Alaska K-12 Foundation Funding



SB 240 - SCHOOL FUNDING INCREASES FY09-FY13

	ISER DCF Implement	BSA Increase	Intensive Multiplier	School Size Reduction Hold Harmless	Total Funding Increase	Pupil Trans	New Total w/ Pupil Trans
FY 09	\$48.3 M	\$22.4 M	\$41.3 M	\$480.9 K	\$112.5 M	\$ 5.5 M	\$118 M
FY10	\$12.4 M	\$23.0 M	\$21.0 M		\$56.5 M	\$1.8 M	\$58.3 M
FY11	\$12.7 M	\$23.6 M	\$21.4 M		\$57.7 M	\$1.9 M	\$60 M
FY12	\$12.9 M				\$12.9 M		
FY13	\$12.1 M				\$12.1 M		
Total:	\$98.4 M	\$69 M	\$83.8 M	\$480.9 K	\$252 M		

Source: Fiscal Note for SB 240
Fiscal note for Pupil Trans amendment

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: **SB240**
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): **SB240-EED-ESS-1-23-08** Dept. Affected: **Education & Early Development**
 Title: **An Act relating to school funding, the based student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for...** RDU: **K-12 Support**
 Sponsor: **Senator Stevens** Component: **Foundation Program**
 Requester: **Senate Special Committee on Education** Component Number: **141**

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims	112,496.4	0.0	56,491.6	57,712.5	12,901.0	12,075.0	
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	112,496.4	0.0	56,491.6	57,712.5	12,901.0	12,075.0	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	112,496.4	0.0	56,491.6	57,712.5	12,901.0	12,075.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	112,496.4	0.0	56,491.6	57,712.5	12,901.0	12,075.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would set the district cost factors in FY09 at 50% of the ISER increase over the original cost factors and implement the remaining 50% over the next 4 years; offers 9x the Base Student Allocation (BSA) for intensives plus it will increase it to 11x the BSA in FY10 and 13x the BSA in FY11; provide a hold harmless provision for those districts whose School Size adjusted ADM has decreased by more than 5% over the prior year; and increase the BSA by \$100 for FY09 to \$5,480, FY10 to \$5,580, & FY11 to \$5,680.

The Legislature funded 50% of ISER in FY08 outside the formula for approximately \$50million and the School Improvement Grant for approximately \$20million. If the \$70million provided in FY08 is taken into consideration, then the actual increase in FY09 over FY08 is approximately \$42million.

The GF capitalizes on the Public Education Fund (PEF).

BASED ON FY09 PROJECTED ADM

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 Approved by: Barbara Thompson, Interim Commissioner
Education & Early Development

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School Districts	50% ISER Implemented	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,480	Intensive Multiplier from x5 to x9	5% reduction in School Size Adjustment Hold Harmless	YEAR 1 FY2009 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	596,366	113,123	129,120	-	838,609
ALEUTIAN REGION	78,404	26,202	-	-	104,606
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	900,215	100,271	-	-	1,000,486
ANCHORAGE	0	6,983,032	17,904,640	-	24,887,672
ANNETTE ISLAND	425,420	57,390	21,520	-	504,330
BERING STRAIT	4,145,639	589,180	430,400	-	5,165,219
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	190,478	46,578	43,040	-	280,096
CHATHAM	432,435	51,220	86,080	-	569,735
CHUGACH	96,157	38,056	-	-	134,213
COPPER RIVER	364,445	131,496	193,680	-	689,621
CORDOVA CITY	239,798	80,423	129,120	-	449,341
CRAIG CITY	303,255	105,434	215,200	-	623,889
DELTA/GREELY	484,884	187,840	150,640	-	823,364
DENALI BOROUGH	26,872	96,054	64,560	-	187,486
DILLINGHAM CITY	197,709	111,559	172,160	-	481,428
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	1,624,033	2,265,608	6,176,240	-	10,065,881
GALENA CITY	49,968	337,704	-	-	387,672
HAINES BOROUGH	277,679	67,805	172,160	-	517,644
HOONAH CITY	230,517	34,073	86,080	61,029	411,699
HYDABURG CITY	168,840	19,289	-	-	188,129
IDITAROD AREA	489,741	88,044	-	-	577,785
JUNEAU BOROUGH	2,512,971	844,226	2,926,720	-	6,283,917
KAKE CITY	201,162	23,138	43,040	150,278	417,618
KASHUNAMIUT	350,470	90,362	129,120	-	569,952
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	5,592,144	1,497,259	1,936,800	-	9,026,203
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	1,514,550	376,286	430,400	-	2,321,236
KLAWOCK CITY	205,425	33,583	64,560	-	303,568
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	2,044,545	490,291	581,040	-	3,115,876
KUSPUK	683,673	135,581	43,040	-	862,294
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,060,692	161,945	43,040	-	1,265,677
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	3,290,913	1,175,026	1,355,760	-	5,821,699
LOWER YUKON	4,246,059	625,032	301,280	-	5,172,371
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	3,303,917	2,450,573	4,863,520	-	10,618,010
NENANA CITY	71,984	101,892	64,560	-	238,436
NOME CITY	412,471	163,737	64,560	-	640,768
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	2,095,213	452,486	193,680	-	2,741,379
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	2,500,614	588,294	430,400	-	3,519,308
PELICAN CITY	24,120	6,577	-	-	30,697
PETERSBURG CITY	597,662	112,660	258,240	-	968,562
PRIBILOF	161,232	34,170	-	-	195,402
SAINT MARY'S	257,389	53,609	43,040	-	354,038
SITKA BOROUGH	1,030,205	249,106	774,720	-	2,054,031
SKAGWAY CITY	16,026	24,202	64,560	140,890	245,678
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	345,128	60,682	64,560	-	470,370
SOUTHWEST REGION	934,857	210,911	129,120	-	1,274,888
TANANA	90,222	20,711	43,040	-	153,973
UNALASKA CITY	345,289	89,503	43,040	-	477,832
VALDEZ CITY	225,823	131,981	172,160	-	529,964
WRANGELL PUBLIC	248,325	63,930	43,040	-	355,295
YAKUTAT	211,686	26,347	-	128,694	366,727
YUKON FLATS	811,558	127,931	21,520	-	961,009
YUKON/KOYUKUK	659,714	213,398	172,160	-	1,045,272
YUPIIT	642,556	151,448	43,040	-	837,044
Mt. Edgecumbe	305,090	63,350	-	-	368,440
TOTAL	48,316,540	22,380,608	41,318,400	480,891	112,496,439

School Districts	1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,580	Intensive Multiplier from x9 to x11	YEAR 2 F-Y2010 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	151,855	117,086	65,760	334,701
ALEUTIAN REGION	20,390	26,573	-	46,963
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	229,239	104,442	-	333,681
ANCHORAGE	0	7,149,432	9,118,720	16,268,152
ANNETTE ISLAND	108,382	59,562	10,960	178,904
BERING STRAIT	1,051,110	612,305	219,200	1,882,615
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	48,476	47,860	21,920	118,256
CHATHAM	110,031	54,022	43,840	207,893
CHUGACH	24,238	38,497	-	62,735
COPPER RIVER	95,411	135,032	98,640	329,083
CORDOVA CITY	60,127	82,717	65,760	208,604
CRAIG CITY	78,813	108,868	109,600	297,281
DELTA/GREELY	123,441	191,486	76,720	391,647
DENALI BOROUGH	8,244	96,804	32,880	137,928
DILLINGHAM CITY	52,542	114,115	87,680	254,337
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	413,520	2,330,532	3,145,520	5,889,572
GALENA CITY	13,959	337,958	-	351,917
HAINES BOROUGH	70,623	70,690	87,680	228,993
HOONAH CITY	61,225	37,303	43,840	142,368
HYDABURG CITY	43,309	20,077	-	63,386
IDITAROD AREA	124,704	90,313	-	215,017
JUNEAU BOROUGH	658,091	883,400	1,490,560	3,032,051
KAKE CITY	59,028	27,987	21,920	108,935
KASHUNAMIUT	90,134	93,202	65,760	249,096
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,423,959	1,541,168	986,400	3,951,527
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	381,147	387,221	219,200	987,568
KLAWOCK CITY	52,653	35,141	32,880	120,674
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	531,243	505,357	295,920	1,332,520
KUSPUK	176,366	139,190	21,920	337,476
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	272,547	167,304	21,920	461,771
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	857,431	1,203,227	690,480	2,751,138
LOWER YUKON	1,081,173	647,504	153,440	1,882,117
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	897,387	2,512,101	2,476,960	5,886,448
NENANA CITY	19,455	102,846	32,880	155,181
NOME CITY	108,161	166,305	32,880	307,346
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	533,551	463,994	98,640	1,096,185
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	632,040	603,794	219,200	1,455,034
PELICAN CITY	6,266	6,691	-	12,957
PETERSBURG CITY	154,657	117,874	131,520	404,051
PRIBILOF	41,110	34,918	-	76,028
SAINT MARY'S	65,073	55,193	21,920	142,186
SITKA BOROUGH	267,655	261,176	394,560	923,391
SKAGWAY CITY	4,561	27,533	32,880	64,974
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	87,826	62,880	32,880	183,586
SOUTHWEST REGION	239,790	216,474	65,760	522,024
TANANA	22,753	21,525	21,920	66,198
UNALASKA CITY	89,751	91,536	21,920	203,207
VALDEZ CITY	60,511	134,682	87,680	282,873
WRANGELL PUBLIC	63,259	65,481	21,920	150,660
YAKUTAT	59,961	30,240	-	90,201
YUKON FLATS	206,705	131,892	10,960	349,557
YUKON/KOYUKUK	169,057	218,074	87,680	474,811
YUPIIT	164,880	154,848	21,920	341,648
Mt. Edgecumbe	79,307	64,793	-	144,100
TOTAL	12,447,127	23,001,225	21,043,200	56,491,552

School Districts	1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,680	Intensive Multiplier from x11 to x13	YEAR 3 FY2011 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	154,617	121,049	66,960	342,626
ALEUTIAN REGION	20,761	26,944	-	47,705
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	233,353	108,612	-	341,965
ANCHORAGE	0	7,315,832	9,285,120	16,600,952
ANNETTE ISLAND	110,241	61,732	11,160	183,133
BERING STRAIT	1,070,291	635,431	223,200	1,928,922
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	49,357	49,142	22,320	120,819
CHATHAM	112,143	56,826	44,640	213,609
CHUGACH	24,733	38,939	-	63,672
COPPER RIVER	97,202	138,569	100,440	336,211
CORDOVA CITY	61,276	85,012	66,960	213,248
CRAIG CITY	80,247	112,302	111,600	304,149
DELTA/GREELY	125,686	195,132	78,120	398,938
DENALI BOROUGH	8,282	97,552	33,480	139,314
DILLINGHAM CITY	53,442	116,670	89,280	259,392
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	421,043	2,395,456	3,202,920	6,019,419
GALENA CITY	14,103	338,210	-	352,313
HAINES BOROUGH	71,965	73,576	89,280	234,821
HOONAH CITY	62,396	39,218	44,640	146,254
HYDABURG CITY	44,209	20,867	-	65,076
IDITAROD AREA	126,974	92,582	-	219,556
JUNEAU BOROUGH	670,121	922,575	1,517,760	3,110,456
KAKE CITY	60,101	29,461	22,320	111,882
KASHUNAMIUT	91,662	96,040	66,960	254,662
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,449,923	1,585,078	1,004,400	4,039,401
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	388,083	398,156	223,200	1,009,439
KLAWOCK CITY	53,665	36,700	33,480	123,845
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	540,854	520,422	301,320	1,362,596
KUSPUK	179,520	142,798	22,320	344,638
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	277,561	172,664	22,320	472,545
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	873,031	1,231,428	703,080	2,807,539
LOWER YUKON	1,100,845	669,976	156,240	1,927,061
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	913,658	2,573,628	2,522,160	6,009,446
NENANA CITY	19,754	103,799	33,480	157,033
NOME CITY	110,185	168,874	33,480	312,539
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	543,204	475,501	100,440	1,119,145
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	643,540	619,294	223,200	1,486,034
PELICAN CITY	6,379	6,805	-	13,184
PETERSBURG CITY	157,471	123,088	133,920	414,479
PRIBILOF	41,746	35,664	-	77,410
SAINT MARY'S	66,201	56,776	22,320	145,297
SITKA BOROUGH	272,525	273,246	401,760	947,531
SKAGWAY CITY	4,702	28,217	33,480	66,399
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	89,536	65,080	33,480	188,096
SOUTHWEST REGION	244,209	222,038	66,960	533,207
TANANA	23,223	22,340	22,320	67,883
UNALASKA CITY	91,326	93,568	22,320	207,214
VALDEZ CITY	61,667	137,384	89,280	288,331
WRANGELL PUBLIC	64,410	67,032	22,320	153,762
YAKUTAT	61,109	31,332	-	92,441
YUKON FLATS	210,353	135,851	11,160	357,364
YUKON/KOYUKUK	172,133	222,750	89,280	484,163
YUPIIT	167,880	158,248	22,320	348,448
Mt. Edgecumbe	80,695	66,235	-	146,930
TOTAL	12,673,593	23,611,701	21,427,200	57,712,494

YEAR 4 - FY2012
1/4 increase of
remaining 50% ISER

School Districts	
ALASKA GATEWAY	157,381
ALEUTIAN REGION	21,075
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	237,579
ANCHORAGE	0
ANNETTE ISLAND	112,325
BERING STRAIT	1,089,473
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	50,295
CHATHAM	114,148
CHUGACH	25,063
COPPER RIVER	98,883
CORDOVA CITY	62,314
CRAIG CITY	81,681
DELTA/GREELY	127,980
DENALI BOROUGH	8,544
DILLINGHAM CITY	54,511
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	428,567
GALENA CITY	14,410
HAINES BOROUGH	73,307
HOONAH CITY	63,397
HYDABURG CITY	44,941
IDITAROD AREA	129,242
JUNEAU BOROUGH	682,153
KAKE CITY	61,232
KASHUNAMIUT	93,300
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,475,778
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	395,018
KLAWOCK CITY	54,567
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	550,574
KUSPUK	182,841
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	282,522
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	888,634
LOWER YUKON	1,120,517
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	930,101
NENANA CITY	20,163
NOME CITY	112,098
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	552,967
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	655,097
PELICAN CITY	6,493
PETERSBURG CITY	160,286
PRIBILOF	42,607
SAINT MARY'S	67,498
SITKA BOROUGH	277,453
SKAGWAY CITY	4,727
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	91,021
SOUTHWEST REGION	248,630
TANANA	23,639
UNALASKA CITY	93,073
VALDEZ CITY	62,771
WRANGELL PUBLIC	65,504
YAKUTAT	62,143
YUKON FLATS	214,170
YUKON/KOYUKUK	175,095
YUPIIT	170,994
Mt. Edgecumbe	82,192
TOTAL	12,900,983

YEAR 5 - FY2013 1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER

School Districts	
ALASKA GATEWAY	153,222
ALEUTIAN REGION	18,684
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	237,523
ANCHORAGE	0
ANNETTE ISLAND	109,534
BERING STRAIT	1,089,360
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	50,239
CHATHAM	114,090
CHUGACH	26,201
COPPER RIVER	88,003
CORDOVA CITY	66,016
CRAIG CITY	75,187
DELTA/GREELY	120,413
DENALI BOROUGH	0
DILLINGHAM CITY	45,397
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	321,482
GALENA CITY	7,177
HAINES BOROUGH	73,251
HOONAH CITY	63,453
HYDABURG CITY	42,492
IDITAROD AREA	129,185
JUNEAU BOROUGH	606,282
KAKE CITY	62,314
KASHUNAMIUT	90,054
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,405,488
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	413,814
KLAWOCK CITY	51,549
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	506,489
KUSPUK	173,216
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	272,155
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	807,864
LOWER YUKON	1,099,385
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	697,531
NENANA CITY	15,664
NOME CITY	92,388
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	537,590
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	674,349
PELICAN CITY	5,696
PETERSBURG CITY	149,918
PRIBILOF	42,548
SAINT MARY'S	67,383
SITKA BOROUGH	244,073
SKAGWAY CITY	3,532
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	88,460
SOUTHWEST REGION	240,998
TANANA	24,265
UNALASKA CITY	85,496
VALDEZ CITY	43,859
WRANGELL PUBLIC	62,200
YAKUTAT	60,776
YUKON FLATS	214,112
YUKON/KOYUKUK	166,835
YUPIIT	165,526
Mt. Edgecumbe	72,284
TOTAL	12,075,002

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Identifier (file name): SB240-EED-AMYA-1-23-08 Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Title: An Act relating to school funding, the based student RDU: K-12 Support
allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for... Component: AK Challenge Youth Academy
Sponsor: Senator Stevens
Requester: Senate Special Committee on Education Component Number: 2837

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims	161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8			
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8	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	161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would increase the BSA for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy by \$100 for FY09 to \$5,480, FY10 to \$5,580, & FY11 to \$5,680. The resulting increase based on FY09 Projections is \$161,840 each year.

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Education & Early Development

ALASKA CHALLENGE YOUTH ACADEMY

FY09 Projection

206 x \$5380 x 7 =	7,757,960
294 x \$5380 x 60% =	949,032
less \$2,625,000	(2,625,000)
	6,081,992

Proposed \$100 increase for FY09

206 x \$5480 x 7 =	7,902,160
294 x \$5480 x 60% =	966,672
less \$2,625,000	(2,625,000)
	6,243,832

Proposed FY09 INCREASE \$ 161,840



Resolution of The State Board of Education & Early Development

Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force

Resolution 01-2008

The Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, convening in the summer of 2007, diligently examined Alaska's school funding formula and related statutes and regulations; and

The Task Force recommended adjustments to the formula so that schools are funded fairly and adequately; and

The Task Force recommended an increase in the base student allocation in each of the next three years; and

The Task Force, recognizing that schools across the state face differing costs for the same goods and services, recommended phasing in of increases to the district cost factors; and

The Task Force, recognizing the costs to school districts of serving students with intensive needs, recommended a series of increases in intensive needs funding; and

The Task Force, recognizing school districts' increased costs in providing pupil transportation, recommended the state provide more grant funds for this purpose; and

The Task Force, recognizing the need for school districts to prepare their budgets in a timely manner, recommended that the Alaska State Legislature appropriate funds for education by the 60th legislative day; and

The Task Force -- recognizing that publicly funded charter schools, correspondence schools and home-schooling are integral to providing a broad spectrum of school alternatives -- recommended that legislative Standing Committees on Education make certain that those programs are fairly and adequately funded; so

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development hereby expresses deep appreciation for the efforts of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force on behalf of Alaska's school children and strongly endorses the Task Force's recommendations and Governor Sarah Palin's proposal to implement it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Esther J. Cox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Esther Cox, Chair
On behalf of the State Board of Education
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January 25, 2008

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Senate Bill 240 SPONSOR STATEMENT

"An Act relating to school funding, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date."

SB 240 is the product of intensive work by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force. The Task Force's Report, published on September 1, 2007, features 5 pieces of legislation being forwarded to the Legislature to change certain components to Alaska's state education policy. SB 240 represents the funding component.

One major and obvious variable in the school funding formula considers a school district's actual head count of students, the Average Daily Membership (ADM). Occasionally a school district has a significant decrease in student enrollment, say with a military base closure, which results in an abrupt, substantial decrease in dollars appropriated to that district. SB 240 would allow for a 3-year "step-down" transition for decreasing funds, adding 75% of the difference in ADM for the first year, 50% in the second year, and 25% in the third year. This helps school districts ratchet down their budgets over a reasonable period of time.

Another variable in school funding is the "Base Student Allocation" (BSA), which assigns a monetary value to the cost of educating a single student over the school year. However, that cost can vary for school districts with students requiring "intensive services." Currently school districts are funded at 5 times the BSA for each student requiring intensive services, which is woefully under the actual cost. SB 240 proposes to increase the multiplier to 9, 11, and 13 times the BSA over the next three years.

The third area addressed by SB 240 involves "District Cost Factors," (DCF) which is a statistical representation of geographical cost variations of delivering education around the state. Simply put, it's more expensive to educate students in remote areas of the state than in urban areas. The most current DCF model recognized by the Legislature was published in 2005 by the University of Alaska Anchorage Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER). Because of the substantial increase in funding represented by the new DCF model, SB 240 proposes to phase in the numbers: 50% this year, and the remaining 50% spread evenly over the next 4 years.

Finally, SB 240 proposes to increase the Base Student Allocation by \$100 each year for the next 3 years, to \$5,480, \$5,580, and \$5,680 respectively. The BSA provides school districts with a stable figure for basic budget planning and development.

I encourage your support for the efforts made by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force in presenting the Legislature with legislation reflecting considerable collaboration and compromise. Thank you for considering SB 240.