CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 167(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS WILKEN, Tim Kelly, Pete Kelly, Mackie

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to scholarships to attend the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 14.40.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska shall provide scholarship information to school districts as required by AS 14.43.930(a).

* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.253 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.253. Financing notice and approval. If the University of Alaska intends to enter into an obligation, except for refinancing obligations, under AS 14.40.040(a)(5) [AS 14.40.040(5)] with an annual payment by the university anticipated to exceed $1,000,000, the university shall provide notice to the legislature. The notice must include the anticipated annual payment amount, the anticipated financing, and the total construction, acquisition, or other costs of the project. The university may not enter into an obligation requiring a financing notice under this...
section, other than a refinancing obligation, unless the project has been approved by
the legislature by law. An appropriation for the project does not constitute approval
of the project for the purpose of this section.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.43.930. Scholarship program information. (a) The board shall
make information about scholarship programs available in each school district in the
state and at each campus of the University of Alaska.

(b) By September 15 before each annual graduation, a qualified high school
in the state with a high school graduating class shall provide

1) to the board a list of the names and addresses of students in the
graduating class who meet scholarship eligibility requirements for each scholarship
program; and

2) a notice of eligibility for the scholarship program to those students
on the list prepared under (1) of this subsection.

(c) A school district shall amend its policies, including those applying to
student directory information, as necessary to comply with this section.

(d) A qualified high school may not provide to the board the name of a student
if the parent of the student objects to the disclosure.

(e) In this section,

1) "board" means the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska;
2) "qualified high school" means a public high school, a high school
accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, or a high school
registered with the department.

* Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to students who were in their senior year
of high school in the 1998 - 1999 or a subsequent school year.

* Sec. 5. TRANSITION PROVISION. Notwithstanding the deadline in AS 14.43.930(b),
enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, a qualified high school in the state with a high school graduating
class for the 1998 - 1999 school year shall provide the list and notice specified in
AS 14.43.930(b)(1) and (2), enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, not later than 30 days after the
effective date of this Act.

* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.