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**HB 97 – AN ACT RELATING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

HB 98 prohibits the Department of Education or the Alaska Commission on Higher Education from requiring an applicant for an Alaska Performance Scholarship to submit the FAFSA (Free application for Federal Student Aid).

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship that awards an Alaskan high school student's hard work. It is measured by completing specified coursework, GPA, and test score on ACT or SAT.

The FAFSA is used to determine a family's eligibility for federal financial aid programs and delves into the students' financial situation and often their parent's financial situation.

HB 98 was introduced because there is no compelling state interest in gathering personal financial data to award a merit-based scholarship. I urge your support.