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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary (SB 208; Work Order No. 29-LS1581\E)

TO: Senator Pete Kelly
Attn: Brett Huber

FROM: Kate S. Glover *KG*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Removes references to statutes that are repealed in later sections of the act.

Section 2. Amends AS 14.43.810(a) to limit Alaska performance scholarships to Alaska residents who are members of the high school graduating classes of 2016 and earlier.

Section 3. Provides that, to be eligible for an Alaska performance scholarship, a student must be determined eligible by the student's district and reported eligible to the Department of Education and Early Development (the department) not later than October 31, 2016.

Section 4. Prohibits the department from extending a student's eligibility for an Alaska performance scholarship past the 2021 - 2022 academic year.

Section 5. Amends AS 14.45.130(a), which relates to the duties of religious or private schools, to remove references to the Alaska performance scholarship.

Section 6. Amends AS 37.14.750(a), which establishes the Alaska higher education investment fund, to remove references to the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program.

Section 7. Repeals AS 14.03.113, which requires school districts to determine whether graduating students are eligible for Alaska performance scholarships, on October 31, 2016.

Section 8. Repeals sections that establish the Alaska Advantage education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program on October 31, 2022.

Section 9. Provides that the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education may only award an Alaska performance scholarship to a new applicant who is determined eligible by the student's district and reported as eligible to the department on or before October 31, 2016.

Section 10. Allows the Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to adopt regulations necessary to implement the act. The regulations may not take effect before the effective date of the law being implemented.

Section 11. Makes sections 2 - 4 of the act retroactive to October 31, 2016.

Section 12. Provides that sections 1, 5, and 6 of the act take effect October 31, 2022.

Section 13. Provides that sections 2 - 4, and 7 - 10 of the act take effect immediately.