

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 103(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing the Alaska education innovation grant program; eliminating the**  
2 **Alaska education grant program; relating to the funding of and eligibility for the Alaska**  
3 **performance scholarship program; redesignating the Alaska higher education**  
4 **investment fund as the Alaska education innovation grant fund; and providing for an**  
5 **effective date."**

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

7 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 14.03.128. Alaska education innovation grant program.** (a) An  
9 education innovation grant program is established in the department. The department  
10 shall establish procedures and standards for awarding grants to school districts under  
11 this section for the support of innovative education ideas, including  
12 (1) programs that change the method of interaction between students  
13 and teachers in the classroom;

1 (2) instruction delivered through a combination of technologies, such  
2 as video, interactive software, games, social media, and print media;

3 (3) pilot projects that support teachers and students by using a variety  
4 of educational resources to bring new instructional approaches into classrooms in the  
5 state; and

6 (4) other programs designed to achieve best practices for education as  
7 identified by the commissioner.

8 (b) The commissioner shall annually determine the amount required to fund  
9 programs, projects, and ideas that meet the standards established by the department  
10 under this section and shall include the amount in the department's budget request. The  
11 legislature may appropriate funds from the Alaska education innovation grant fund  
12 established under AS 37.14.750 for the awarding of grants under this section.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.43.820(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall award an Alaska  
15 performance scholarship to an applicant who

16 (1) is a resident of the state as defined in AS 01.10.055;

17 (2) graduated or will graduate within six months from a high school in  
18 the state;

19 (3) except as provided in (c) of this section, has completed a core  
20 academic curriculum of high school level coursework that includes

21 (A) four years of mathematics, four years of language arts, four  
22 years of science, and four years of social studies, one year of which may  
23 include a foreign language, an Alaska Native language, fine arts, or cultural  
24 heritage; or

25 (B) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,  
26 three years of science, four years of social studies, and two years of a foreign  
27 language or an Alaska Native language;

28 (4) has a minimum grade-point average in high school of 2.5 or higher  
29 **for an applicant who is a member of the high school graduating class of 2017 or**  
30 **earlier, or 3.5 or higher for an applicant who is a member of the high school**  
31 **graduating class of 2018 or later**; the department shall set by regulation minimum

1 requirements based on a substantially similar standard for districts that do not assign  
2 grades;

3 (5) has achieved a minimum score on a

4 (A) college entrance examination; or

5 (B) standardized examination designed to measure a student's  
6 level of preparedness to make the transition to work, as selected by the  
7 department; and

8 (6) is enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified  
9 postsecondary institution in this state that is intended to result in the award of a  
10 certificate or degree.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.43.825(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The maximum annual **award** [AWARDS] for **an** [THE] Alaska  
13 performance **scholarship** [SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AS FOLLOWS]:

14 (1) THE FIRST AWARD LEVEL] is \$4,755 **for an applicant who**  
15 **has a** [AND REQUIRES A]

16 **(1)** [(A)] 3.5 grade-point average or above; and

17 **(2)** [(B)] very high minimum score on a college entrance examination

18 [;

19 (2) THE SECOND AWARD LEVEL IS \$3,566 AND REQUIRES A

20 (A) 3.0 GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OR ABOVE; AND

21 (B) HIGH MINIMUM SCORE ON A COLLEGE  
22 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION;

23 (3) THE THIRD AWARD LEVEL IS \$2,378 AND REQUIRES A

24 (A) 2.5 GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OR ABOVE; AND

25 (B) MODERATELY HIGH MINIMUM SCORE ON A  
26 COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION].

27 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.43.825(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) A student's eligibility for a scholarship terminates **four** [SIX] years after  
29 the date the student graduates from high school unless the student qualifies for an  
30 extension of time allowed by the department by regulation.

31 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.43.915(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) The Alaska education grant account is created as an account in the general  
2 fund. Money may be appropriated to the account from the **Alaska education**  
3 **innovation grant** [ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under  
4 AS 37.14.750 and from other sources. The commission may use the money in the  
5 account to pay grants awarded under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 and to pay the cost of  
6 administration of the Alaska education grant program created under AS 14.43.400.

7 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.43.915(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) The Alaska performance scholarship award account is created as an  
9 account in the general fund. Money may be appropriated to the account from the  
10 **Alaska education innovation grant** [ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION  
11 INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750 and from other sources. The commission  
12 may use the money in the account to pay scholarships awarded to students under  
13 AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849.

14 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.43.915(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) Of the total amount available annually to the commission for payment of  
16 grants under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 and for payment of scholarships under  
17 AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849, one-third of the combined amount in the accounts  
18 established under (a) and (b) of this section shall be available solely for payment of  
19 grants awarded under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420. The commission shall annually  
20 allocate to all qualified applicants for scholarships awarded under AS 14.43.810 -  
21 14.43.849 two-thirds of the combined amount in the accounts. If an insufficient  
22 number of qualified applicants are awarded grants under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 or  
23 scholarships under AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849, or both, before the end of that fiscal  
24 year, the commissioner shall redeposit the remaining funds into the **Alaska education**  
25 **innovation grant** [ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund  
26 established under AS 37.14.750.

27 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 14.43.915(c), as amended by sec. 7 of this Act, is amended to read:

28 (c) [OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE ANNUALLY TO THE  
29 COMMISSION FOR PAYMENT OF GRANTS UNDER AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420  
30 AND FOR PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849,  
31 ONE-THIRD OF THE COMBINED AMOUNT IN THE ACCOUNTS

1 ESTABLISHED UNDER (a) AND (b) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
2 AVAILABLE SOLELY FOR PAYMENT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER  
3 AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420. THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY ALLOCATE  
4 TO ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER  
5 AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849 TWO-THIRDS OF THE COMBINED AMOUNT IN THE  
6 ACCOUNTS.] If an insufficient number of qualified applicants are awarded  
7 [GRANTS UNDER AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 OR] scholarships under AS 14.43.810 -  
8 14.43.849, [OR BOTH,] before the end of that fiscal year, the commissioner shall  
9 redeposit the remaining funds into the Alaska education innovation grant fund  
10 established under AS 37.14.750.

11 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 14.43.915(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) The commission shall reserve a percentage calculated under this  
13 subsection of the total amount available for awards in the account [ACCOUNTS]  
14 established under [(a) AND] (b) of this section each year for award to students who  
15 graduate from a school district with an ADM of less than 800 or from a school that  
16 was operated by the Alaska State-Operated School System established under former  
17 AS 14.08.020. The percentage reserved under this subsection shall be calculated by  
18 adding the ADMs of districts with an ADM of less than 800 and the number of  
19 students enrolled in a school that was operated by the Alaska State-Operated School  
20 System established under former AS 14.08.020 that is located in a district with an  
21 ADM of 800 or more and then dividing that number by the sum of the ADMs of all  
22 districts in the state.

23 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 37.14.750(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) The Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
25 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund is established in the general fund for the  
26 purposes [PURPOSE] of making grants to school districts to support the Alaska  
27 education innovation grant program under AS 14.03.128, making grants awarded  
28 under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 by appropriation to the account established under  
29 AS 14.43.915(a), and [OF] making scholarship payments to qualified postsecondary  
30 institutions for students under AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849 by appropriation to the  
31 account established under AS 14.43.915(b). Money in the fund does not lapse. The

1 fund consists of

- 2 (1) money appropriated to the fund;
- 3 (2) income earned on investment of fund assets;
- 4 (3) donations to the fund; and
- 5 (4) money redeposited under AS 14.43.915(c).

6 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 37.14.750(a), as amended by sec. 10 of this Act, is amended to read:

7 (a) The Alaska education innovation grant fund is established in the general  
 8 fund for the purposes of making grants to school districts to support the Alaska  
 9 education innovation grant program under AS 14.03.128, [MAKING GRANTS  
 10 AWARDED UNDER AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 BY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
 11 ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER AS 14.43.915(a),] and making scholarship  
 12 payments to qualified postsecondary institutions for students under AS 14.43.810 -  
 13 14.43.849 by appropriation to the account established under AS 14.43.915(b). Money  
 14 in the fund does not lapse. The fund consists of

- 15 (1) money appropriated to the fund;
- 16 (2) income earned on investment of fund assets; **and**
- 17 (3) donations to the fund [; AND
- 18 (4) MONEY REDEPOSITED UNDER AS 14.43.915(c)].

19 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 37.14.750(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) As soon as is practicable after July 1 of each year, the commissioner of  
 21 revenue shall determine the market value of the fund established in this section on  
 22 June 30 for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The commissioner shall identify  
 23 **five** [SEVEN] percent of that amount as available for appropriation as follows:

24 (1) one-third for the grant account established under AS 14.43.915(a),  
 25 from which the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education may award grants;  
 26 [AND]

27 (2) **one-third** [TWO-THIRDS] for the scholarship account established  
 28 under AS 14.43.915(b), from which the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary  
 29 Education may award scholarships; **and**

30 **(3) one-third for the Alaska education innovation grant program**  
 31 **established under AS 14.03.128.**

1 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 37.14.750(c), as amended by sec. 12 of this Act, is amended to read:

2 (c) As soon as is practicable after July 1 of each year, the commissioner of  
3 revenue shall determine the market value of the fund established in this section on  
4 June 30 for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The commissioner shall identify  
5 five percent of that amount as available for appropriation as follows:

6 (1) [ONE-THIRD FOR THE GRANT ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED  
7 UNDER AS 14.43.915(a), FROM WHICH THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON  
8 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION MAY AWARD GRANTS;

9 (2)] one-third for the scholarship account established under  
10 AS 14.43.915(b), from which the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
11 may award scholarships; and

12 (2) two-thirds [(3) ONE-THIRD] for the Alaska education innovation  
13 grant program established under AS 14.03.128.

14 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 37.14.750(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) In this section, unless the context requires otherwise, "fund" means the  
16 Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION  
17 INVESTMENT] fund established in (a) of this section.

18 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 43.20.014(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter for  
20 cash contributions accepted for

21 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
22 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
23 Alaska university foundation, by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or  
24 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association, or by a public or  
25 private nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

26 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
27 facilities by a school district in the state;

28 (3) vocational education courses, programs, equipment, and facilities  
29 by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school, a nonprofit  
30 regional training center recognized by the Department of Labor and Workforce  
31 Development, and an apprenticeship program in the state that is registered with the

1 United States Department of Labor under 29 U.S.C. 50 - 50b (National Apprenticeship  
2 Act);

3 (4) a facility by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-  
4 year college accredited by a regional accreditation association or by a public or private  
5 nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

6 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
7 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
8 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

9 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution  
10 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center  
11 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government;

12 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
13 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750;

14 (8) funding a scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a  
15 dual-credit student to defray the cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

16 (A) tuition and textbooks;

17 (B) registration, course, and programmatic student fees;

18 (C) on-campus room and board at the postsecondary institution  
19 in the state that provides the dual-credit course;

20 (D) transportation costs to and from a residential school  
21 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under  
22 AS 14.16.200 or the postsecondary school in the state that provides the dual-  
23 credit course; and

24 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

25 (9) constructing, operating, or maintaining a residential housing  
26 facility by a residential school in the state approved by the Department of Education  
27 and Early Development under AS 14.16.200;

28 (10) childhood early learning and development programs and  
29 educational support to childhood early learning and development programs provided  
30 by a nonprofit corporation organized under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school  
31 district in the state, by the Department of Education and Early Development, or



1 through a state grant;

2 (11) science, technology, engineering, and math programs provided by  
3 a nonprofit agency or a school district for school staff and for students in grades  
4 kindergarten through 12 in the state; and

5 (12) the operation of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing  
6 educational opportunities that promote the legacy of public service contributions to the  
7 state and perpetuate ongoing educational programs that foster public service  
8 leadership for future generations of residents of the state.

9 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 43.55.019(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A producer of oil or gas is allowed a credit against the tax levied by  
11 AS 43.55.011(e) for cash contributions accepted for

12 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
13 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
14 Alaska university foundation or by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or  
15 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association;

16 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
17 facilities by a school district in the state;

18 (3) vocational education courses, programs, equipment, and facilities  
19 by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school, a nonprofit  
20 regional training center recognized by the Department of Labor and Workforce  
21 Development, and an apprenticeship program in the state that is registered with the  
22 United States Department of Labor under 29 U.S.C. 50 - 50b (National Apprenticeship  
23 Act);

24 (4) a facility or an annual intercollegiate sports tournament by a  
25 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a  
26 regional accreditation association;

27 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
28 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
29 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

30 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution  
31 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center

1 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government; and

2 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
3 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750.

4 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 43.56.018(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The owner of property taxable under this chapter is allowed a credit  
6 against the tax due under this chapter for cash contributions accepted for

7 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
8 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
9 Alaska university foundation or by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or  
10 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association;

11 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
12 facilities by a school district in the state;

13 (3) vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-  
14 operated vocational technical education and training school;

15 (4) a facility or an annual intercollegiate sports tournament by a  
16 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a  
17 regional accreditation association;

18 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
19 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
20 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

21 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution  
22 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center  
23 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government; and

24 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
25 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750.

26 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 43.65.018(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) A person engaged in the business of mining in the state is allowed a credit  
28 against the tax due under this chapter for cash contributions accepted for

29 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
30 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
31 Alaska university foundation, by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or

1 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association, or by a public or  
2 private nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

3 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
4 facilities by a school district in the state;

5 (3) vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-  
6 operated vocational technical education and training school;

7 (4) a facility by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-  
8 year college accredited by a regional accreditation association or by a public or private  
9 nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

10 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
11 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
12 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

13 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution  
14 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center  
15 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government;

16 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750;

18 (8) funding a scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a  
19 dual-credit student to defray the cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

20 (A) tuition and textbooks;

21 (B) registration, course, and programmatic student fees;

22 (C) on-campus room and board at the postsecondary institution  
23 in the state that provides the dual-credit course;

24 (D) transportation costs to and from a residential school  
25 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under  
26 AS 14.16.200 or the postsecondary school in the state that provides the dual-  
27 credit course; and

28 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

29 (9) constructing, operating, or maintaining a residential housing  
30 facility by a residential school approved by the Department of Education and Early  
31 Development under AS 14.16.200;

1 (10) childhood early learning and development programs and  
2 educational support to childhood early learning and development programs provided  
3 by a nonprofit corporation organized under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school  
4 district in the state, by the Department of Education and Early Development, or  
5 through a state grant;

6 (11) science, technology, engineering, and math programs provided by  
7 a nonprofit agency or a school district for school staff and for students in grades  
8 kindergarten through 12 in the state; and

9 (12) the operation of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing  
10 educational opportunities that promote the legacy of public service contributions to the  
11 state and perpetuate ongoing educational programs that foster public service  
12 leadership for future generations of residents of the state.

13 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 43.75.018(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A person engaged in a fisheries business is allowed a credit against the tax  
15 due under this chapter for cash contributions accepted for

16 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
17 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
18 Alaska university foundation, by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or  
19 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association, or by a public or  
20 private nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

21 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
22 facilities by a school district in the state;

23 (3) vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-  
24 operated vocational technical education and training school;

25 (4) a facility by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-  
26 year college accredited by a regional accreditation association or by a public or private  
27 nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

28 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
29 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
30 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

31 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution

1 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center  
2 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government;

3 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750;

5 (8) funding a scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a  
6 dual-credit student to defray the cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

7 (A) tuition and textbooks;

8 (B) registration, course, and programmatic student fees;

9 (C) on-campus room and board at the postsecondary institution  
10 in the state that provides the dual-credit course;

11 (D) transportation costs to and from a residential school  
12 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under  
13 AS 14.16.200 or the postsecondary school in the state that provides the dual-  
14 credit course; and

15 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

16 (9) constructing, operating, or maintaining a residential housing  
17 facility by a residential school approved by the Department of Education and Early  
18 Development under AS 14.16.200;

19 (10) childhood early learning and development programs and  
20 educational support to childhood early learning and development programs provided  
21 by a nonprofit corporation organized under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school  
22 district in the state, by the Department of Education and Early Development, or  
23 through a state grant;

24 (11) science, technology, engineering, and math programs provided by  
25 a nonprofit agency or a school district for school staff and for students in grades  
26 kindergarten through 12 in the state; and

27 (12) the operation of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing  
28 educational opportunities that promote the legacy of public service contributions to the  
29 state and perpetuate ongoing educational programs that foster public service  
30 leadership for future generations of residents of the state.

31 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 43.77.045(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) In addition to the credit allowed under AS 43.77.040, a person engaged in  
2 a floating fisheries business is allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter  
3 for cash contributions accepted for

4 (1) direct instruction, research, and educational support purposes,  
5 including library and museum acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an  
6 Alaska university foundation, by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or  
7 four-year college accredited by a regional accreditation association, or by a public or  
8 private nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

9 (2) secondary school level vocational education courses, programs, and  
10 facilities by a school district in the state;

11 (3) vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-  
12 operated vocational technical education and training school;

13 (4) a facility by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-  
14 year college accredited by a regional accreditation association or by a public or private  
15 nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the state;

16 (5) Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs and educational  
17 support, including mentoring and tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public  
18 school staff and for students who are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

19 (6) education, research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution  
20 that is located in the state and that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center  
21 under the Coastal America Partnership established by the federal government;

22 (7) the Alaska education innovation grant [ALASKA HIGHER  
23 EDUCATION INVESTMENT] fund under AS 37.14.750;

24 (8) funding a scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a  
25 dual-credit student to defray the cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

26 (A) tuition and textbooks;

27 (B) registration, course, and programmatic student fees;

28 (C) on-campus room and board at the postsecondary institution  
29 in the state that provides the dual-credit course;

30 (D) transportation costs to and from a residential school  
31 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under

1 AS 14.16.200 or the postsecondary school in the state that provides the dual-  
2 credit course; and

3 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

4 (9) constructing, operating, or maintaining a residential housing  
5 facility by a residential school approved by the Department of Education and Early  
6 Development under AS 14.16.200;

7 (10) childhood early learning and development programs and  
8 educational support to childhood early learning and development programs provided  
9 by a nonprofit corporation organized under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school  
10 district in the state, by the Department of Education and Early Development, or  
11 through a state grant;

12 (11) science, technology, engineering, and math programs provided by  
13 a nonprofit agency or a school district for school staff and for students in grades  
14 kindergarten through 12 in the state; and

15 (12) the operation of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing  
16 educational opportunities that promote the legacy of public service contributions to the  
17 state and perpetuate ongoing educational programs that foster public service  
18 leadership for future generations of residents of the state.

19 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 14.43.400, 14.43.405, 14.43.406, 14.43.415, 14.43.420, and 14.43.915(a) are  
20 repealed February 1, 2021.

21 \* **Sec. 22.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
22 read:

23 **TRANSITION: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING CLASSES BEFORE 2018.**  
24 Notwithstanding the amendments to AS 14.43.825(a) made by sec. 3 of this Act, a person  
25 who has been awarded an Alaska performance scholarship and is a member of the high school  
26 graduating class of 2017 or earlier may continue to receive an annual award as provided in  
27 AS 14.43.825(a), as that subsection read on January 1, 2017, if the person is otherwise  
28 eligible.

29 \* **Sec. 23.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
30 read:

31 **TRANSITION: REGULATIONS.** The Department of Education and Early

1 Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska  
2 Commission on Postsecondary Education may adopt regulations necessary to implement  
3 changes made to their respective authorities by this Act. The regulations take effect under  
4 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law being  
5 implemented.

6 \* **Sec. 24.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7 read:

8 **RETROACTIVITY.** If secs. 2 - 4 of this Act take effect after July 1, 2017, secs. 2 - 4  
9 of this Act are retroactive to July 1, 2017.

10 \* **Sec. 25.** Sections 8, 9, 11, and 13 of this Act take effect February 1, 2021.

11 \* **Sec. 26.** Except as provided in sec. 25 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
12 AS 01.10.070(c).