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

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3 Board; relating to the vocational education account and appropriations from that account; and
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6 * **Section 1.** AS 23.15.835(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) In the manner provided in AS 23.20 and for the benefit of the program,
8 the department shall collect from each employee an amount equal to .15 [ONE-
9 TENTH OF ONE] percent of the wages, as set out in AS 23.20.175, on which the
10 employee is required to make contributions under AS 23.20.290(d). The department
11 shall remit to the Department of Revenue, in accordance with AS 37.10.050, money
12 collected under this subsection.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.835 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14 (d) Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a), for the fiscal years ending June 30,
15 2009, through June 30, 2014, the money collected under this section or otherwise

1 appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, formerly known as the
2 Alaska Human Resource Investment Council, shall be allocated directly in the
3 following percentages to the following institutions for programs consistent with
4 AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and capital improvements:

5	University of Alaska	45 percent
6	University of Alaska Southeast	5 percent
7	Galena Project Education Vocational Training Center	4 percent
8	Kotzebue Technical Center	9 percent
9	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	17 percent
10	Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	3 percent
11	Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	3 percent
12	Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9 percent
13	Delta Career Advancement Center	3 percent
14	New Frontier Vocational Technical Center	2 percent.

15 (e) The institutions receiving funding under (d) of this section shall provide an
16 expenditure and performance report to the department by November 1 of each year
17 that includes the

18 (1) percentage of former participants in the program who have jobs
19 one year after leaving the program;

20 (2) median wage of former participants seven to 12 months after
21 leaving the program;

22 (3) percentage of former participants who were employed after leaving
23 the program who received training under the program that was related or somewhat
24 related to the former participants' jobs seven to 12 months after leaving the program;

25 (4) percentage of former participants who indicate some level of
26 satisfaction with the training received under the program; and

27 (5) percentage of employers who indicate satisfaction with the services
28 provided through the program.

29 (f) The department shall prepare and present an expenditure and performance
30 report based on the information provided under (e) of this section to the legislature not
31 later than the 15th day of each regular legislative session.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Article 4A. Vocational Education Account.

Sec. 37.10.200. Vocational education account. (a) The vocational education account is created in the general fund.

(b) The account consists of

- (1) appropriations made by the legislature to the account;
- (2) gifts, bequests, and contributions; and
- (3) income and earnings of the account.

(c) Money in the vocational education account may be appropriated by the state to the state and political subdivisions of the state, including regional attendance areas and municipal school districts, for vocational education programs and courses approved by the commissioner of labor and workforce development in consultation with the commissioner of education and early development for any other public purpose.

(d) Nothing in this section dedicates funds for a specific purpose.

(e) In this section, "vocational education" includes vocational training programs and courses taught at the secondary and postsecondary level of education.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 1, ch. 102, SLA 2001, as amended by sec. 48, ch. 86, SLA 2002, and sec. 1, ch. 133, SLA 2004, is repealed.

20 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2008.