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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 **Article 4A. Vocational Education Account.**

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

5 (b) The account consists of

6 (1) appropriations made by the legislature to the account;

7 (2) gifts, bequests, and contributions; and

8 (3) income and earnings of the account.

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

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

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

18 * **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 1, ch. 102, SLA 2001, as
19 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.