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HB 148 Sectional Analysis

Section 1 AS 14.43.820(a) amends:

AS 14.43.820(a)(2) Changes to eighteen months, the date when the commission shall determine an award for the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

AS 14.43.820(a)(3) Adds language to include a student “who is enrolled in or plans to enroll in” the curriculum required to earn an Alaska Performance Scholarship.

AS 14.43.820(A) Adds “or career and technical education” to the coursework under the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program.

AS 14.43.820(B)(ii) Adds “career and technical education, one year of which includes two semesters of sequentially more rigorous content within a career cluster; or

AS 14.43.820(C) Adds “three years of mathematics, four years of language arts, three years of science, four years of social studies, one year of which may be career and technical education, and two years of a foreign language or an Alaska Native language; and”

AS 14.43.820(a)(5) and (a)(6) removes these subsections that required minimum scores for either a college entrance examination, or standardized examinations, or is currently enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified postsecondary institution in Alaska.

Section 2 AS 14.43.820(g)(1) amends:

Added the definition of “career cluster” to mean a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products;

Section 3 AS 14.43.820 is amended by adding new subsections:

Subsection (h) establishes a date of December 31 for students in grade 11 to be notified of remaining academic requirements in order to be awarded an Alaska performance scholarship, and (i) establishes August 15 of every year as the date the commission shall notify students that they have been awarded an Alaska performance scholarship, and what level scholarship that student has received.

Subsection (j) requires the district to provide information about the requirements to increase an award level whenever they communicate with a student regarding the Alaska performance scholarship.

Subsection (k) states that the applicant award level will reflect their GPA level upon graduation from high school.

Subsection (l) confirms an award will be given only if a student completes all of the necessary requirements.

Section 4 AS 14.13.825(a) amends:

AS 14.43.825(a)(1) changes the first award level amount from \$4,755 to \$7,000 and removes the very high minimum score on a college entrance examination requirement.

AS 14.43.825(a)(2) changes the second award level amount from \$3,566 to \$5,250 and removes the high minimum score on a college entrance examination requirement.

AS 14.43.825(a)(3) changes the third award level amount from \$2,378 to \$3,500 and removes the moderately high minimum score on a college entrance examination requirement.

Section 5 AS 14.43825(b) amends:

AS 14.43.825(b) changes the timeframe of eligibility for students from six years to eight years after the date the student graduates unless the student qualifies for an extension.

Section 6 AS 14.43.825 is amended by adding new subsections:

Subsection (g) states that on an annual basis the qualified university or college shall review the students Grade Point Average. If the students' grades qualify under the GPA levels under (h) of the section, the student will qualify for an increase in the APS scholarship they receive.

(h) If an award recipient's university or college grade-point average is

(h)(1) 3.5 or above, the commission shall increase the student's award level to the amount described in (a)(1) of this section;

(h)(2) 3.0 or above, the commission shall increase the student's award level to the amount described in (a)(2) of this section.

(i) In this section

(i)(1) "award recipient" means a student who has received an Alaska performance scholarship at the second or third award level;

(i)(2) "university or college grade-point average" means the average of all grades on a four-point scale obtained by a student at a qualified university or college in this state.