

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 148(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the head start program; relating to the Alaska performance**
2 **scholarship program; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax**
3 **education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education**
4 **credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and**
5 **the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; relating to allocations of funding for**
6 **the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; relating to grants for technical and vocational**
7 **education; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2,**
8 **and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."**

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

10 *** Section 1.** AS 14.07.165(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The board shall adopt

12 (1) statewide goals and require each governing body to adopt written

1 goals that are consistent with local needs;

2 (2) regulations regarding the application for and award of grants under
3 AS 14.03.125;

4 (3) regulations implementing provisions of AS 14.11.014(b);

5 (4) regulations requiring approval by the board before a charter school,
6 state boarding school, or a public school may provide domiciliary services;

7 (5) regulations establishing standards for an early education program
8 provided by a school district for children who are four and five years of age; the
9 regulations must include

10 (A) standards for a locally designed, evidence-based program
11 that meets [HEAD START PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
12 AND OTHER] federal standards required for early education programs to
13 receive federal funding;

14 (B) a requirement that a teacher in charge of a program hold a
15 valid teacher certificate issued under AS 14.20 and

16 (i) have satisfactorily completed a minimum of six
17 credit hours in early childhood education or complete the minimum
18 credit hours within two years of the date the teacher's employment with
19 the early education program begins; or

20 (ii) have two or more years of experience teaching
21 kindergarten or another early education program and have completed
22 additional coursework related to reading instruction, as required by the
23 department;

24 (C) developmentally appropriate objectives for children four
25 and five years of age rather than academic standards appropriate for older
26 children; the objectives must allow school districts to adapt the content of an
27 early education program to be culturally responsive to local communities;

28 (D) accommodations for the needs of all early education
29 children and their families regardless of socioeconomic circumstances; and

30 (E) standards for day in session requirements appropriate for
31 children four and five years of age;

1 (6) regulations establishing standards for day in session requirements
2 appropriate for kindergarten students.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.38.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) The department shall make a grant to each eligible head start agency
5 operating a head start program in the state under 42 U.S.C. 9831 - 9852c in an amount
6 equal to the amount of the head start program's nonfederal contributions required
7 under 42 U.S.C. 9835. If the amount appropriated to the department is insufficient to
8 meet the amount authorized for grants under this subsection, the department shall
9 distribute the grants pro rata to each eligible head start agency.

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.43.820(a) is amended to read:

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

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

14 (2) graduated or will graduate within **18** [SIX] months from a high
15 school in the state; **and**

16 (3) except as provided in (c) of this section, has completed, **is enrolled**
17 **in, or plans to enroll in** a core academic curriculum of high school level coursework
18 that includes

19 (A) four years of mathematics, four years of language arts, four
20 years of science, and four years of social studies, one year of which may
21 include a foreign language, an Alaska Native language, fine arts, [OR] cultural
22 heritage, **or career and technical education;** [OR]

23 (B) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,
24 three years of science, four years of social studies, and two years of

25 (i) a foreign language or an Alaska Native language; **or**

26 (ii) **career and technical education, one year of**
27 **which includes two semesters of sequentially more rigorous content**
28 **within a career cluster; or**

29 (C) **three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,**
30 **three years of science, four years of social studies, one year of which may**
31 **be career and technical education, and two years of a foreign language or**

an Alaska Native language [;

(4) HAS A MINIMUM GRADE-POINT AVERAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL OF 2.5 OR HIGHER; THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET BY REGULATION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS BASED ON A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR STANDARD FOR DISTRICTS THAT DO NOT ASSIGN GRADES;

(5) HAS ACHIEVED A MINIMUM SCORE ON A

(A) COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION; OR

(B) STANDARDIZED EXAMINATION DESIGNED TO MEASURE A STUDENT'S LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS TO MAKE THE TRANSITION TO WORK, AS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(6) IS ENROLLED IN GOOD STANDING IN A COURSE OF STUDY AT A QUALIFIED POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION IN THIS STATE THAT IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN THE AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE].

* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.43.820(g) is amended to read:

(g) In this section,

(1) "career cluster" means a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products;

(2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.43.820 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) Not later than January 15 of each year, a district shall provide to each student in the district who is enrolled in grade nine or grade 10 information about the Alaska performance scholarship.

(i) Not later than December 31 of each year, a district shall notify each student in the district who is enrolled in grade 11 of the remaining academic requirements the student must meet to be awarded an Alaska performance scholarship at each level described in AS 14.43.825(a).

(j) Not later than August 15 of each year, the commission shall notify each applicant awarded a scholarship under (a) of this section that the applicant has been awarded an Alaska performance scholarship. The notice must

(1) identify the Alaska performance scholarship level awarded as

1 described in AS 14.43.825(a); and

2 (2) inform the applicant that

3 (A) the commission may disburse the award only if the
4 applicant meets the requirements described in (m) of this section; and

5 (B) the commission will adjust the applicant's award under the
6 circumstances described in (l) of this section.

7 (k) If a district provides information to or otherwise communicates with a
8 student regarding the Alaska performance scholarship, the district shall also provide
9 information about the requirements to increase an award level under AS 14.43.825(h)
10 - (j).

11 (l) If, at the time an applicant awarded an Alaska performance scholarship
12 graduates from high school, the applicant's grade-point average differs from the grade-
13 point average on which the commission based the applicant's award, the commission
14 shall adjust the applicant's award in accordance with the applicable Alaska
15 performance scholarship level described in AS 14.43.825(a).

16 (m) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, and except as provided in (c) of this
17 section, the commission may disburse an Alaska performance scholarship awarded to
18 an applicant under this section only if the applicant

19 (1) has, at the time of the applicant's graduation from high school,

20 (A) completed the core academic curriculum of high school
21 level coursework described in (a)(3) of this section; and

22 (B) met the minimum

23 (i) grade-point average in high school described in
24 AS 14.43.825(a); or

25 (ii) score on a college entrance examination described
26 in AS 14.43.825(a); and

27 (2) is enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified
28 postsecondary institution in this state that is intended to result in the award of a
29 certificate or degree.

30 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.43.825(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The maximum annual awards for the Alaska performance scholarships are

1 as follows:

2 (1) the first award level is **\$7,000** [\$4,755] and requires a

3 (A) 3.5 grade-point average or above, **or the equivalent**
4 **established under (g) of this section; or** [AND]

5 (B) very high minimum score on a college entrance
6 examination;

7 (2) the second award level is **\$5,250** [\$3,566] and requires a

8 (A) 3.0 grade-point average or above, **or the equivalent**
9 **established under (g) of this section; or** [AND]

10 (B) high minimum score on a college entrance examination;

11 (3) the third award level is **\$3,500** [\$2,378] and requires a

12 (A) 2.5 grade-point average or above, **or the equivalent**
13 **established under (g) of this section; or** [AND]

14 (B) moderately high minimum score on a college entrance
15 examination.

16 * **Sec. 7.** AS 14.43.825(b) is amended to read:

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

20 * **Sec. 8.** AS 14.43.825(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a student receiving a scholarship
22 may remain eligible for up to eight semesters of enrollment in good standing at a
23 qualified university or college, which may include graduate courses. **A student's**
24 **eligibility under this subsection is extended by one semester for each semester the**
25 **student is enrolled part time in good standing at a qualified university or college.**

26 * **Sec. 9.** AS 14.43.825 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

27 (g) For high schools that do not award grades on a four-point scale, or five-
28 point scale for advanced placement classes, the department shall establish by
29 regulation the equivalent rating required for a scholarship awarded under (a)(1)(A),
30 (2)(A), and (3)(A) of this section.

31 (h) Each time a student who is an award recipient completes two semesters of

1 full-time enrollment at a qualified postsecondary institution in this state, the
2 postsecondary institution shall review and notify the commission of the student's
3 postsecondary institution grade-point average. If the student's grades qualify under (i)
4 of this section, the commission shall increase the award level for the student as
5 described in (i) of this section and notify the student of the increase. In this subsection,
6 "full-time enrollment" means enrollment in a course of study that is not less than 15
7 credits.

8 (i) If an award recipient's postsecondary institution grade-point average is

9 (1) 3.5 or above, or the equivalent established under (j) of this section,
10 the commission shall increase the student's award level to the amount described in
11 (a)(1) of this section;

12 (2) 3.0 or above, or the equivalent established under (j) of this section,
13 the commission shall increase the student's award level to the amount described in
14 (a)(2) of this section.

15 (j) For qualified postsecondary institutions that do not award grades on a four-
16 point scale, the commission shall establish by regulation the equivalent rating required
17 to increase an award under (i) of this section.

18 (k) In this section,

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

21 (2) "postsecondary institution grade-point average" means the average
22 of all grades on a four-point scale, or the equivalent as established by the commission
23 by regulation, obtained by a student at a qualified postsecondary institution in this
24 state.

25 * **Sec. 10.** AS 14.43.849(2) is amended to read:

26 (2) "grade-point average" means the average of all grades on a four-
27 point scale, or five-point scale for advanced placement classes, **or the equivalent as**
28 **established by the department by regulation**, obtained by the student in high
29 school;

30 * **Sec. 11.** AS 21.96.070(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax due under AS 21.09.210 or

1 AS 21.66.110 for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED]

2 (1) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted** for direct
3 instruction, research, and educational support purposes, including library and museum
4 acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an Alaska university foundation or
5 by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
6 national or regional accreditation association;

7 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted** for secondary
8 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
9 in the state;

10 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted** for vocational
11 education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-operated vocational technical
12 education and training school;

13 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted** for a facility by a
14 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
15 national or regional accreditation association;

16 (5) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted** for Alaska Native
17 cultural or heritage programs and educational support, including mentoring and
18 tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public school staff and for students who
19 are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state; [AND]

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

24 **(7) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
25 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
26 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
27 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
28 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
29 **scholarships.**

30 * Sec. 12. AS 21.96.070(d) is amended to read:

31 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

1 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
2 title; and

3 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
4 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 43.20.014, AS 43.55.019,
5 AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, AS 43.75.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
6 amount of credits exceeding \$3,000,000 [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member of
7 an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed \$3,000,000
8 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
9 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

10 * **Sec. 13.** AS 23.15.820(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall

12 (1) administer the Alaska technical and vocational education program
13 established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850;

14 (2) facilitate the development of a statewide policy for a coordinated
15 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to
16 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and
17 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

18 (3) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)
19 to carry out the purposes of AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 [INCLUDING
20 REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF A
21 GRANT THAT MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; THE
22 REGULATIONS MUST CLEARLY IDENTIFY AND DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
23 EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND
24 THOSE THAT MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; THE
25 PERCENTAGE ALLOWED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS MAY NOT
26 EXCEED THE LESSER OF FIVE PERCENT OR THE AMOUNT PERMITTED
27 UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF A FEDERAL PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE;

28 (4) ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM UNDER AS 23.15.840
29 AND ESTABLISH GRANT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING
30 ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES THAT APPLY TO QUALIFIED ENTITIES AND
31 THEIR GRANTEES];

1 **(4)** [(5)] facilitate the development and implementation of a statewide
 2 policy and procedure that provides for the acceptance of credit or hours toward a
 3 degree or technical program offered by a vocational or technical training center in the
 4 state for an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of
 5 relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the
 6 United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the
 7 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

8 * **Sec. 14.** AS 23.15.835(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) **The** [NOTWITHSTANDING AS 23.15.840(a), FOR THE FISCAL
 10 YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, THE] money
 11 collected under this section or otherwise appropriated to the Alaska Workforce
 12 Investment Board shall be allocated directly in the following percentages to the
 13 following institutions for programs consistent with AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and
 14 capital improvements:

University of Alaska	<u>25 percent</u>
<u>University of Alaska Southeast</u>	<u>5 percent</u> [45 PERCENT]
Galena Interior Learning Academy	4 percent
Alaska Technical Center	9 percent
Alaska Vocational Technical Center	17 percent
Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	<u>4 percent</u> [3 PERCENT]
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	<u>4 percent</u> [3 PERCENT]
Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9 percent
Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.	3 percent
[AMUNDSEN EDUCATIONAL CENTER	2 PERCENT]
Ilisagvik College	<u>6 percent</u>
<u>Prince of Wales Community Learning Center</u>	<u>5 percent</u>
<u>Sealaska Heritage Institute</u>	<u>2 percent</u>
<u>Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center</u>	<u>7 percent</u> [5 PERCENT].

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

30 (a) A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter for
 31 [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED FOR]

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

7 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
8 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
9 in the state;

10 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
11 education courses, programs, equipment, and facilities by a state-operated vocational
12 technical education and training school, a nonprofit regional training center recognized
13 by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and an apprenticeship
14 program in the state that is registered with the United States Department of Labor
15 under 29 U.S.C. 50 - 50b (National Apprenticeship Act);

16 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
17 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
18 national or regional accreditation association or by a public or private nonprofit
19 elementary or secondary school in the state;

20 (5) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** Alaska Native
21 cultural or heritage programs and educational support, including mentoring and
22 tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public school staff and for students who
23 are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

24 (6) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** education,
25 research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution that is located in the state and
26 that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center under the Coastal America
27 Partnership established by the federal government;

28 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
29 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750;

30 (8) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** funding a
31 scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a dual-credit student to defray the

1 cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

2 (A) tuition and textbooks;

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

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

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

10 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

11 (9) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** constructing,
12 operating, or maintaining a residential housing facility by a residential school in the
13 state approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under
14 AS 14.16.200;

15 (10) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** childhood
16 early learning and development programs and educational support to childhood early
17 learning and development programs provided by a nonprofit corporation organized
18 under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school district in the state, by the Department of
19 Education and Early Development, or through a state grant;

20 (11) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** science,
21 technology, engineering, and math programs provided by a nonprofit agency or a
22 school district for school staff and for students in grades kindergarten through 12 in
23 the state; [AND]

24 (12) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the operation
25 of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities that
26 promote the legacy of public service contributions to the state and perpetuate ongoing
27 educational programs that foster public service leadership for future generations of
28 residents of the state; **and**

29 **(13) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
30 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
31 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**

1 the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,
2 mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student
3 scholarships.

4 * **Sec. 16.** AS 43.20.014(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

6 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
7 title;

8 (2) also be allowed as a deduction under **26 U.S.C. (Internal Revenue**
9 **Code)** [26 U.S.C. 170] against the tax imposed by this chapter; and

10 (3) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
11 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.55.019,
12 AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, AS 43.75.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
13 amount of credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member of
14 an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**
15 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
16 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

17 * **Sec. 17.** AS 43.55.019(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A producer of oil or gas is allowed a credit against the tax levied by
19 AS 43.55.011(e) for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED
20 FOR]

21 (1) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** direct
22 instruction, research, and educational support purposes, including library and museum
23 acquisitions, and contributions to endowment, by an Alaska university foundation or
24 by a nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
25 national or regional accreditation association;

26 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
27 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
28 in the state;

29 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
30 education courses, programs, equipment, and facilities by a state-operated vocational
31 technical education and training school, a nonprofit regional training center recognized

1 by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and an apprenticeship
2 program in the state that is registered with the United States Department of Labor
3 under 29 U.S.C. 50 - 50b (National Apprenticeship Act);

4 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
5 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
6 national or regional accreditation association;

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

11 (6) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** education,
12 research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution that is located in the state and
13 that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center under the Coastal America
14 Partnership established by the federal government; [AND]

15 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
16 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750; **and**

17 **(8) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
18 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
19 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
20 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
21 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
22 **scholarships.**

23 * **Sec. 18.** AS 43.55.019(d) is amended to read:

24 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

25 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
26 title; and

27 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
28 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014,
29 AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, AS 43.75.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
30 amount of credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member of
31 an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**

1 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
2 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

3 * **Sec. 19.** AS 43.56.018(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The owner of property taxable under this chapter is allowed a credit
5 against the tax due under this chapter for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR
6 EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED FOR]

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

12 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
13 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
14 in the state;

15 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
16 education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-operated vocational technical
17 education and training school;

18 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
19 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
20 national or regional accreditation association;

21 (5) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** Alaska Native
22 cultural or heritage programs and educational support, including mentoring and
23 tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public school staff and for students who
24 are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

25 (6) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** education,
26 research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution that is located in the state and
27 that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center under the Coastal America
28 Partnership established by the federal government; [AND]

29 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
30 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750; **and**

31 **(8) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**

1 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
2 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
3 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
4 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
5 **scholarships.**

6 * **Sec. 20.** AS 43.56.018(d) is amended to read:

7 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

8 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
9 title; and

10 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
11 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014,
12 AS 43.55.019, AS 43.65.018, AS 43.75.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
13 amount of credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member of
14 an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**
15 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
16 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

17 * **Sec. 21.** AS 43.65.018(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A person engaged in the business of mining in the state is allowed a credit
19 against the tax due under this chapter for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR
20 EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED FOR]

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

27 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
28 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
29 in the state;

30 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
31 education courses, programs, and facilities by a state- operated vocational technical

1 education and training school;

2 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
3 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
4 national or regional accreditation association or by a public or private nonprofit
5 elementary or secondary school in the state;

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

10 (6) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** education,
11 research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution that is located in the state and
12 that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center under the Coastal America
13 Partnership established by the federal government;

14 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
15 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750;

16 (8) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** funding a
17 scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a dual-credit student to defray the
18 cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

19 (A) tuition and textbooks;

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

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

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

27 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

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

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

6 (11) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** science,
7 technology, engineering, and math programs provided by a nonprofit agency or a
8 school district for school staff and for students in grades kindergarten through 12 in
9 the state; [AND]

10 (12) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the operation
11 of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities that
12 promote the legacy of public service contributions to the state and perpetuate ongoing
13 educational programs that foster public service leadership for future generations of
14 residents of the state; **and**

15 **(13) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
16 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
17 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
18 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
19 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
20 **scholarships.**

21 * **Sec. 22.** AS 43.65.018(d) is amended to read:

22 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

23 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
24 title; and

25 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
26 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014,
27 AS 43.55.019, AS 43.56.018, AS 43.75.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
28 amount of the credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member
29 of an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**
30 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
31 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

1 * **Sec. 23.** AS 43.75.018(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) A person engaged in a fisheries business is allowed a credit against the tax
3 due under this chapter for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR EQUIPMENT
4 ACCEPTED FOR]

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

11 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
12 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
13 in the state;

14 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
15 education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-operated vocational technical
16 education and training school;

17 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
18 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
19 national or regional accreditation association or by a public or private nonprofit
20 elementary or secondary school in the state;

21 (5) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** Alaska Native
22 cultural or heritage programs and educational support, including mentoring and
23 tutoring, provided by a nonprofit agency for public school staff and for students who
24 are in grades kindergarten through 12 in the state;

25 (6) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** education,
26 research, rehabilitation, and facilities by an institution that is located in the state and
27 that qualifies as a coastal ecosystem learning center under the Coastal America
28 Partnership established by the federal government;

29 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
30 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750;

31 (8) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** funding a

1 scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a dual-credit student to defray the
2 cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

3 (A) tuition and textbooks;

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

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

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

11 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

12 (9) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** constructing,
13 operating, or maintaining a residential housing facility by a residential school
14 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under
15 AS 14.16.200;

16 (10) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** childhood
17 early learning and development programs and educational support to childhood early
18 learning and development programs provided by a nonprofit corporation organized
19 under AS 10.20, a tribal entity, or a school district in the state, by the Department of
20 Education and Early Development, or through a state grant;

21 (11) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** science,
22 technology, engineering, and math programs provided by a nonprofit agency or a
23 school district for school staff and for students in grades kindergarten through 12 in
24 the state; [AND]

25 (12) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the operation
26 of a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities that
27 promote the legacy of public service contributions to the state and perpetuate ongoing
28 educational programs that foster public service leadership for future generations of
29 residents of the state; **and**

30 **(13) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
31 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**

1 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
2 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
3 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
4 **scholarships.**

5 * **Sec. 24.** AS 43.75.018(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

7 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
8 title; and

9 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
10 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014,
11 AS 43.55.019, AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, or AS 43.77.045, result in the total
12 amount of the credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member
13 of an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**
14 [~~\$1,000,000~~] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
15 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

16 * **Sec. 25.** AS 43.77.045(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) A person engaged in a floating fisheries business is allowed a credit
18 against the tax due under this chapter for [CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH OR
19 EQUIPMENT ACCEPTED FOR]

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

26 (2) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** secondary
27 school level vocational education courses, programs, and facilities by a school district
28 in the state;

29 (3) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** vocational
30 education courses, programs, and facilities by a state-operated vocational technical
31 education and training school;

1 (4) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** a facility by a
2 nonprofit, public or private, Alaska two-year or four-year college accredited by a
3 national or regional accreditation association or by a public or private nonprofit
4 elementary or secondary school in the state;

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

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

13 (7) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** the Alaska
14 higher education investment fund under AS 37.14.750;

15 (8) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** funding a
16 scholarship awarded by a nonprofit organization to a dual-credit student to defray the
17 cost of a dual-credit course, including the cost of

18 (A) tuition and textbooks;

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

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

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

26 (E) other related educational and programmatic costs;

27 (9) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** constructing,
28 operating, or maintaining a residential housing facility by a residential school
29 approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under
30 AS 14.16.200;

31 (10) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** childhood

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

5 (11) **contributions of cash or equipment accepted for** science,
6 technology, engineering, and math programs provided by a nonprofit agency or a
7 school district for school staff and for students in grades kindergarten through 12 in
8 the state; [AND]

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

14 **(13) contributions of cash or equipment accepted for the operation**
15 **of a nonprofit educational resource center that supports academic achievement in**
16 **grades nine through 12 by coordinating curricula and statewide competition in**
17 **the subject areas of economics, science, social science, literature, music, art,**
18 **mathematics, writing, speech, and interview skills and by providing student**
19 **scholarships.**

20 * **Sec. 26.** AS 43.77.045(d) is amended to read:

21 (d) A contribution claimed as a credit under this section may not

22 (1) be the basis for a credit claimed under another provision of this
23 title; and

24 (2) when combined with contributions that are the basis for credits
25 taken during the taxpayer's tax year under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014,
26 AS 43.55.019, AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, or AS 43.75.018, result in the total
27 amount of the credits exceeding **\$3,000,000** [\$1,000,000]; if the taxpayer is a member
28 of an affiliated group, then the total amount of credits may not exceed **\$3,000,000**
29 [\$1,000,000] for the affiliated group; in this paragraph, "affiliated group" has the
30 meaning given in AS 43.20.145.

31 * **Sec. 27.** AS 23.15.840 is repealed.

1 * **Sec. 28.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 RETROACTIVITY. If secs. 3 - 10, 13, 14, and 27 of this Act take effect after June 30,
4 2024, secs. 3 - 10, 13, 14, and 27 of this Act are retroactive to June 30, 2024.

5 * **Sec. 29.** Section 37, ch. 61, SLA 2014, as amended by sec. 40, ch. 101, SLA 2018, is
6 amended to read:

7 Sec. 37. Sections 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014, [OF THIS ACT] take effect

8 January 1, 2029 [2025].

9 * **Sec. 30.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.

10 * **Sec. 31.** Except as provided in sec. 30 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
11 AS 01.10.070(c).