

AMENDMENT # 1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE  
TO: HB 297

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Page 1, line 9, following "award of a":

Insert "merit-based"

Page 3, line 17, following "academic scholarship":

Delete "and"

Insert ", "

Page 3, line 17, following "school scholarship":

Insert "and a needs-based scholarship"

Page 7, line 5, following "awards for the":

Delete "program"

Insert "merit-based programs"

Page 8, following line 3:

Insert:

**"Sec. 14.43.828. Eligibility for a needs-based scholarship and maximum awards.** (a) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall award a needs-based scholarship to a student who meets the eligibility criteria for the award.

(b) A student is eligible to receive a needs-based scholarship if the student

(1) is eligible for a merit-based academic scholarship or a merit-based

1 career and technical school scholarship; and

2 (2) can demonstrate in a year in which the student receives a scholarship  
3 that the student has unmet financial need greater than \$2,000.

4 (c) The maximum amount for the needs-based award is 50 percent of unmet  
5 financial need greater than \$2,000.

6 (d) The qualified postsecondary institution attended by the student shall  
7 determine unmet financial need by subtracting from the student's allowable standard costs  
8 of attendance at the institution all non-loan sources of financial support, including an  
9 expected family contribution and all federal, state, and private scholarships or grants  
10 received by the student.

11 (e) In this section,

12 (1) "allowable standard costs of attendance" means

13 (A) for a student who receives a merit-based academic  
14 scholarship, the lesser of the

15 (i) standard costs of attendance at the University of Alaska,  
16 as determined by the commission; or

17 (ii) actual costs of attendance at the qualified  
18 postsecondary institution that the student attends or plans to attend, as  
19 determined by the commission;

20 (B) for a student who receives a merit-based career and technical  
21 school scholarship, the costs of attendance at the qualified postsecondary  
22 institution that the student attends or plans to attend, as determined by the  
23 commission based on room and board costs that do not exceed the standard room  
24 and board costs at the University of Alaska as determined by the commission;

25 (2) "expected family contribution" means the amount a student or the  
26 student's family is expected to pay towards the student's costs of attendance, as  
27 determined by use of the most recent federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid."