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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary (SB 208; Work Order No. 29-LS1581\H)

TO: Senator Pete Kelly
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FROM: Kate S. Glover
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Removes references to statutes that are repealed in later sections of the act.

Section 2. Amends AS 14.43.810(a) to limit Alaska performance scholarships to Alaska residents who graduate from high school on or before July 15, 2016.

Section 3. Provides that, to be eligible for an Alaska performance scholarship, a student must apply to the commission on or before July 15, 2016.

Section 4. Prohibits the Department of Education and Early Development from extending a student's eligibility for an Alaska performance scholarship past July 15, 2022.

Section 5. Amends AS 14.45.130(a), which relates to the duties of religious or private schools, to remove references to the Alaska performance scholarship.

Section 6. Amends AS 37.14.750(a), which establishes the Alaska higher education investment fund, to remove references to the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program.

Section 7. Repeals AS 14.03.113, which requires school districts to determine whether graduating students are eligible for Alaska performance scholarships, on July 16, 2016.

Section 8. Repeals sections that establish the Alaska Advantage education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program on July 16, 2022.

Section 9. Provides that the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education may not award an Alaska performance scholarship to a new applicant who first applies for a scholarship after July 15, 2016.

Section 10. Allows the Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to adopt regulations necessary to implement the act. The regulations may not take effect before the effective date of the law being implemented.

Section 11. Makes sections 2 - 4 of the act retroactive to July 15, 2016.

Section 12. Provides that sections 1, 5, and 6 of the act take effect July 16, 2022.

Section 13. Provides that sections 2 - 4, and 7 - 10 of the act take effect immediately.

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