

SENATE BILL NO. 30

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS STEVENS, Begich

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Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the middle college program for public school students; and relating**
2 **to the powers of the University of Alaska."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.07.168 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.07.168. Report to the legislature.** Not later than the 30th legislative
6 day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present in
7 person to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual
8 report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously
9 improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the
10 bylaws of the board. The report must include

11 (1) a summary of the resolves and rationales provided in support of
12 policy decisions made under AS 14.03.015;

13 (2) program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or
14 recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125;

1 (3) additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and
2 maintain the public education system;

3 **(4) a summary of the middle college program established in**
4 **AS 14.30.780; the summary must include the**

5 **(A) number of students participating in the program;**

6 **(B) types of courses in which students have enrolled; and**

7 **(C) total number of credits that students have earned.**

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Article 15. Dual Credit.**

10 **Sec. 14.30.780. Middle college program established.** (a) The middle college
11 program is established for eligible students to enroll in courses offered by the
12 University of Alaska. A student may earn both high school and college credit for each
13 course the student has satisfactorily completed. A student may attend a course in
14 person or by correspondence, as allowed by the University of Alaska.

15 (b) A student is eligible for the middle college program if the student

16 (1) is enrolled in public school in the state;

17 (2) has completed the 10th grade;

18 (3) has not been awarded a high school diploma; and

19 (4) complies with the requirements of the program.

20 (c) Every school district shall participate in the middle college program. The
21 school district in which a student is enrolled shall pay the student's tuition, at the
22 University of Alaska's resident tuition rate, for a course offered through the program.
23 The student is responsible for all other expenses, including fees, books, and
24 transportation.

25 (d) For the purpose of calculating a school district's ADM under
26 AS 14.17.410, a student participating in the middle college program is considered a
27 full-time student of the school district in which the student is enrolled.

28 (e) The University of Alaska and a school district may release to each other
29 the transcript of a student to determine the student's eligibility for the middle college
30 program or for graduation.

31 (f) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.040(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) There is created and established a corporation to be called the University
3 of Alaska. It may in that name

4 (1) sue and be sued;

5 (2) receive and hold real and personal property;

6 (3) contract and be contracted with; a contract entered into by the
7 University of Alaska for the

8 (A) rent or lease of premises for use and occupancy by the
9 University of Alaska is subject to AS 36.30.080(c); however, notwithstanding
10 the limitation imposed by AS 36.30.080(c)(2), the Board of Regents of the
11 University of Alaska

12 (i) may enter into a lease with a term described in (ii) of
13 this subparagraph if the rent under the lease will be paid solely from a
14 grant or contract made by the federal government or an agency of the
15 federal government, and the grant or contract contains a firm
16 commitment of not more than two years, or if the rent payable under
17 the lease will be paid solely from university receipts as that term is
18 defined in AS 14.40.491; and

19 (ii) when authorized by (i) of this subparagraph, may
20 enter into a lease with an initial term equal to the period of the firm
21 commitment of the grant or contract, or with an initial term not to
22 exceed two years when the rent is payable from university receipts; the
23 lease may contain one or more optional renewal periods, but the total of
24 all optional renewal periods may not exceed an additional five years;

25 (B) acquisition of property by a lease-purchase or lease-
26 financing agreement for the benefit of the University of Alaska is subject to
27 AS 36.30.085;

28 (4) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;

29 (5) borrow money, issue debt, or enter into long-term obligations for
30 the purchase of facilities, goods, or services; the obligations may secure, in whole or in
31 part, debt issued by another party;

1 (6) do and have done all matters necessary for the purpose of any
2 function set out in this chapter;

3 **(7) enter into an agreement with a school district for the purpose**
4 **of carrying out the middle college program established in AS 14.30.780.**