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SB 10: Free/Reduced Tuition for Essential Workers Sectional Analysis

Senate Bill #10 (EDU)

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Section 1.

Establishes an Essential Worker Grant Program as new uncodified law of the State of Alaska.

Directs the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to establish an undergraduate tuition grant program for essential workers employed at the start of or during the declared federal public health emergency. This section also includes a comprehensive listing of occupations that qualify as essential for the purpose of this grant program.

Provides stipulations for qualifying essential workers, including employment status, postsecondary enrollment status, residency requirement, high school or equivalency completion requirement, grade point minimum, completion of federal aid application, and post-secondary credit hour limitations.

Includes grant program eligibility requirements, including grade point minimum, program progression, and enrollment status.

Directs the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to establish policies and procedures for application and admission to the program, including establishing evaluation process of program efficacy.

Section 2.

Establishes an Essential Worker Grant Program Report as new uncodified law of the State of Alaska.

Directs the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to submit the report of program efficacy to the Alaska State Legislature on or before December 31st.

Section 3.

Repeals *Section 1* on the date of expiration or determination of the declaration of a federal public health emergency.

Section 4.

Sets a repeal date of January 1, 2025 for *Section 2* of this Act.