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## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### *SB 56: AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY*

**Section 1:** Amends *AS 14.43.820(a)(2)* Alaska performance scholarship program; eligibility, by allowing a student to qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) 12 months prior to graduating from an Alaska state high school instead of 6 months.

Amends *AS 14.43.820(a)* to allow Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses to count towards APS eligibility in three ways:

- *AS 14.43.820 (a)(3)(A)*: Replace one year of social studies with one year of CTE coursework (within Math & Science Track)
- *AS 14.43.820 (a)(3)(B)(ii)*: Replace two years of world language with two years of CTE coursework, one year of which is sequentially more rigorous, within a career cluster.
- *AS 14.43.820 (a)(3)(C)*: Replace one year of social studies with one year of CTE coursework (within Social Studies & Language Track)

Deletes *AS 14.43.820 (a)(5)*, removing the college entrance exam requirement from the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

**Section 2:** Adds language to *AS 14.43.820(g)* defining “career cluster” as a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products and renumbering the subsection accordingly.

**Section 3:** Adds new subsections (h)(i) to *AS 14.43.820*, requiring students to be notified of their APS eligibility progress during their junior year, and notifying them of an award in the fall of their senior year.

Adds new subsections (j)(k) to *AS 14.43.820*, establishing that an applicant must be enrolled in any remaining course requirements and must have a qualifying GPA. The award would be revoked if requirements were ultimately not met. The applicant’s GPA upon graduation will be used to conclude the final award amount.

**Section 4:** Amends *AS 14.43.25(a)* by increasing the awards and removing entrance exam requirements.

- Level one: \$7,000 (was previously \$4,755)
- Level two: \$5,250 (was previously \$3,566)
- Level three: \$3,500 (was previously \$2,378)

**Section 5:** Amends *AS 14.43.25(b)* by increasing the number of years a student can use the scholarship after graduating high school from six to eight years.