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Summary of Changes

SB 56: AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY

Version A to Version B

Section 1

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Allows a student to qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) 18 months prior to graduating from an Alaska state high school instead of 12 months.

Section 3

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Requires school districts to inform 9th and 10th grade students about the Alaska Performance Scholarship before January 15th.

Require students be notified of their APS eligibility progress by December 31st of their junior year instead of January 31st.

Require APS award recipients be notified they are receiving the award by August 15th of each year instead of September 30th.

Districts must also provide information about the ability to and requirements for increasing their award level. These requirements are outlined in Section 6.

Section 4

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Allows a GPA **or** a minimum qualifying score on a college entrance exam to qualify for eligibility.

NEW: Section 6

Adds a subsection allowing award recipients to qualify for a higher award level while they are enrolled at a qualified postsecondary institution. Postsecondary institutions must review each award recipients' institutional GPAs each time recipients complete two semesters. If their institutional GPA qualifies for a higher award level under the original qualifying requirements, their award will be increased accordingly.