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AN ACT

Relating to the Michael Murphy scholarship loan and grant fund.

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

* Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 10. MICHAEL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP LOAN AND GRANT FUND.

Sec. 14.40.850. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of this scholarship loan and grant fund is to perpetuate the memory of Michael Murphy, a member of the Alaska State Troopers, who, while on leave from that division, gave his life for his adopted country in Vietnam on May 22, 1968.

Sec. 14.40.860. FUND CREATED. There is created a scholarship loan and grant fund as an account in the general fund of the treasury of the state. The fund shall be used to provide educational scholarship loans and grants to persons selected under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.40.870. LIMITS ON LOANS AND GRANTS. (a) A scholarship loan or grant to a recipient may not exceed \$1,500 a school year.

(b) The total amount of loans or grants to a recipient may not exceed \$3,000.

Sec. 14.40.880. CONDITIONS OF LOANS AND GRANTS. (a) A loan or grant may only be used to attend a college or university in Alaska.

(b) The recipient shall be

(1) a resident of Alaska, and

(2) either

(A) enrolled in a program leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate degree in the field of law enforcement, law, probation and parole or penology, or

(B) a graduate of a high school or scheduled for graduation from a high school within six months with sufficient credits to be admitted to Alaskan colleges or universities and intend to pursue a course of study in one of the fields in (A) of this subsection, or

(C) a serving member of a law enforcement agency in the state and intend to pursue a course of study in his professional field.

(c) The recipient must at all times continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing at a college or university designated under (a) of this section.

(d) In any year in which the scholarship loan and grant fund has inadequate receipts to fund a loan or grant, no loan or grant may be offered and the receipts will be added to the amount available in the succeeding year.

(e) The administering authority may provide conditions in the note signed by the recipient or in a separate document or communication which will help it to carry out the provisions of secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.40.890. REPAYMENT OF LOANS. (a) Scholarship loans shall be noninterest bearing and may not require security; however, they shall provide for the payment of attorney fees and costs of court if either or both are incurred in collection of the unpaid amount owed on the loan.

(b) No part of a loan made under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter may be required to be repaid during an academic year in which the student is attending a college or university in Alaska as a full-time student in law enforcement, law, probation and parole and penology.

(c) Loans may be repaid at an accelerated rate at the option of the student.

(d) If a loan is in default, the administering authority may notify the student that repayment of the remaining balance is accelerated and due by sending the student a notice by registered or certified mail.

(e) A recipient of a scholarship loan under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter shall receive forgiveness of \$500 of loan indebtedness for each one-year period he is employed full time in Alaska in law enforcement or related fields.

(f) A student who does not qualify for forgiveness of all or a part of a loan made to him under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter shall commence repayment of the unforgiven portion within six months after leaving employment in law enforcement or related fields in the state or within six months after terminating his studies. The unforgiven

portion shall be repaid in an amount of not less than \$50 per month.

Sec. 14.40.900. SELECTION CRITERIA. In selecting from eligible applicants a person who will be granted a loan or a grant under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter, the administering authority shall take into consideration the following items:

- (1) the physical, mental and moral qualities of the applicant;
- (2) the applicant's career goals and aspirations;
- (3) the applicant's prior academic record;
- (4) the applicant's standardized test scores for admittance to an Alaskan college or university;
- (5) the financial need of the applicant;
- (6) other items as may be decided by the administering authority to determine whether the chosen applicant will receive a loan or a grant.

Sec. 14.40.910. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED. The scholarship loan and grant program shall be carried out without regard to the race, creed, sex, color, ancestry, national origin, or membership in fraternal or political organizations of the applicant.

Sec. 14.40.920. ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. (a) The scholarship loans and grants provided for under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter shall be administered through an uncompensated board consisting of three Alaska state troopers, each one to be selected from and to represent a state trooper region of the state by the regional commander to serve for three years.

(b) The commissioner of administration and the commissioner of public safety may adopt regulations for carrying out the intent and purposes of secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.40.930. FUNDING. (a) The scholarship loan and grant fund provided for under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter shall be funded solely by voluntary contributions by state employees who may contribute the value of not to exceed one day of annual leave a year to the scholarship loan and grant fund.

(b) The Department of Administration shall pay to the account of the scholarship loan and grant fund provided for under secs. 850 - 930 of this chapter an amount equal to the value of the total number of days of annual leave contributed by state employees.

* Sec. 2. AS 39.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 39.20.245. DONATION OF ANNUAL LEAVE. A state employee may donate one day of annual leave a year to the

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Michael Murphy scholarship loan and grant fund under AS 14.-40.850 - 14.40.930. The commissioner of administration shall pay to the account of the Michael Murphy scholarship loan and grant fund in the general fund an amount equal to the value of the day of annual leave contributed by the employee.