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## AN ACT

Relating to student financial aid; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 14.40.776(a) is amended to read:

(a) The executive secretary of the committee shall award a tuition grant to a student in an amount up to the difference between (1) the cost, in a city where there is both a four-year state university and a four-year private university or in a city where there is both a two-year state community college and a two-year private college, for the operation of the state institution on a full-time student per academic year basis, and (2) the tuition or fees paid by the student at the state institution in those locations, but in no case may the amount exceed \$2,500 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. Subject to the approval of the committee and to the availability of appropriated funds, the executive secretary may adjust the maximum grant based on a cost-of-living factor comparable to that employed in making adjustments to the state employee pay plan under AS 39.27.015. The tuition grant paid to a student may not be in an amount that would result in a student paying less in tuition or fees at a private college or university than would be required for a similar enrollment at the state institution in the same city. The grant shall be applied by the student toward his tuition at the private university or college in which he enrolls.

\* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.781(b) is amended to read:

(b) The amount of the tuition grant under sec. 776 of this chapter that may be awarded to a student who is also the recipient of a federal grant for tuition is computed according to the formula  $G = P - S$  minus  $F$ , in

which

(1) G = the grant awarded;

(2) P = the tuition and fees charged by the private college or university in which the student is enrolled;

(3) S = the fee or tuition paid by a student at the state institution in the same city where the private college or university is located;

(4) F = the amount of any federal grant awarded solely for tuition or fees the student may receive.

\* Sec. 3. AS 14.40.786(a) is amended to read:

(a) Proceeds from grants may be used only for tuition at a college or university in Alaska accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. Before payment of the grant is made, the executive secretary shall obtain from each student to whom a grant has been awarded a statement certified under oath and on penalty of perjury that he will apply the grant toward his tuition at the private university or college in which he enrolls.

\* Sec. 4. AS 14.40.791 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.791. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS. A student may apply for a grant under sec. 776 of this chapter if

(1) he is a resident of Alaska, and

(2) he is either

(A) accepted for admission, or enrolled, as a full-time or part-time student in an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program; or

(B) enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in continuing education courses approved by the executive secretary.

\* Sec. 5. AS 14.40.796 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.796. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. Application for tuition grants must be submitted to the executive secretary. The application deadline for a school year shall be determined by the executive secretary. The executive secretary may award grants only after the institution of higher education has certified that the student has enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of study in an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program or enrolled in continuing education courses. The executive secretary shall determine the appropriate formula for awarding tuition grants to part-time students. He shall be guided by the provisions of sec. 776 of this chapter in making that determination: the difference between (1) the cost of operation for the state institution per semester credit hour and (2) the fee paid by the student at the state institution per semester credit hour, but not to exceed an appropriate portion of \$2,500 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. The tuition grant paid to a part-time student may

not be in an amount that would result in a student paying less in tuition or fees at a private college or university than would be required for a similar enrollment at the state institution in the same city.

\* Sec. 6. AS 14.40.796 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Tuition grants may be awarded to students who are enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of study that is conducted by a private college or university either off-campus or on the basis of the student's full-time or part-time participation in field-based programs.

\* Sec. 7. AS 14.40.786(b), (c), (d), (f) and (g), AS 14.40.-801 and 14.40.806(7) are repealed.

\* Sec. 8. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.40.917. CONSORTIA. All parties that are signatory to a consortium agreement between the University of Alaska and a private university or college must abide by a decision rendered by the commission when disagreements arise or exist between the parties. For purposes of this section and sec. 909(b)(6) of this chapter, "consortium" means a cooperative arrangement between two or more public or private institutions of higher education specified in agreements or memoranda of understanding to permit sharing of facilities, instructional opportunities, and other educational services in such a way that the integrity of each institution party to the consortium is preserved while at the same time the institutions cooperatively plan the academic calendar, scheduling, use of personnel and facilities, and educational programs and offerings to the maximum advantage of the students and faculties of the institutions that are parties to a consortium.

\* Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).