

**HOUSE BILL NO. 113**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to a program of postsecondary education for high school  
2 students."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 10. Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program.**

6 **Sec. 14.30.760. Postsecondary enrollment program.** (a) A student enrolled  
7 in the 11th or 12th grade in a school district or otherwise receiving a comparable 11th  
8 or 12th grade education as described in AS 14.30.010(b)(1) or (10) - (12) may also  
9 apply for enrollment in nonsectarian courses at a postsecondary institution. If a  
10 postsecondary institution accepts a secondary school student, the institution shall send  
11 written notice to the student, the student's school district, and the department within  
12 10 days after acceptance. The notice must include the student's courses and hours of  
13 enrollment. If a student enrolls for postsecondary credit, the institution shall notify the  
14 student about paying for tuition in the customary manner used by the institution.

1 (b) A school district shall make counseling services regarding the risks and  
2 possible consequences of enrolling in postsecondary courses available to students and  
3 a student's parents or guardian. Upon request, the department shall provide assistance  
4 to a school district in developing counseling programs.

5 (c) A student may not enroll in postsecondary courses for secondary credit for  
6 more than the equivalent of one school year. A student who has graduated from high  
7 school may not participate in the postsecondary program established under this section,  
8 but a student who has completed course requirements for graduation but has not  
9 received a diploma may participate.

10 (d) Students who have graduated from high school may receive enrollment  
11 priority over secondary school students in a postsecondary institution. A  
12 postsecondary institution may provide program information but may not recruit or  
13 solicit secondary school student participation. A governing body may not prohibit a  
14 secondary school student from participating in extracurricular activities if the  
15 prohibition results from enrollment in a postsecondary course as described under this  
16 section.

17 **Sec. 14.30.770. Calculation of academic credit.** (a) Upon enrollment in a  
18 postsecondary course, a secondary school student shall elect to receive either secondary  
19 school credit or postsecondary school credit. A student who enrolls in more than one  
20 course shall make the election on a course-by-course basis. A secondary school  
21 student who audits a postsecondary course may not receive secondary school credit for  
22 that course.

23 (b) The department shall determine the secondary school academic credit to  
24 be granted to a student who successfully completes a postsecondary course. As  
25 determined by the department, a governing body shall grant academic credit towards  
26 graduation requirements and subject area requirements. The completion of a  
27 postsecondary course must be included in the student's academic record.

28 (c) If a student leaves secondary school and enrolls in the same postsecondary  
29 institution that the student attended while enrolled in secondary school, any course  
30 successfully completed for secondary school credit shall also be credited for  
31 postsecondary graduation requirements. A postsecondary institution may not charge

1 a tuition fee for the award of credit described in this subsection.

2 **Sec. 14.30.780. Funding for postsecondary institutions.** (a) Subject to  
3 appropriation, the department shall make payments required under this section for  
4 postsecondary courses taken for secondary school credit. The department may not  
5 make payments for courses taken only for postsecondary credit or for a course from  
6 which a student withdraws during the first 14 days of the quarter or semester.

7 (b) A postsecondary institution that enrolls a secondary school student shall  
8 receive the following amounts:

9 (1) for an institution granting quarter credit, the reimbursement per  
10 credit hour is equal to 88 percent of the per student amount represented by that student  
11 in that school district under AS 14.17, multiplied by 1.3 and divided by 45; or

12 (2) for an institution granting semester credit, the reimbursement per  
13 credit hour is equal to 88 percent of the per student amount represented by that student  
14 in that school district under AS 14.17, multiplied by 1.3 and divided by 30.

15 (c) The department shall pay the amounts described under (b) of this section  
16 within 30 days after receiving initial enrollment information for each quarter or  
17 semester. Any changes in enrollment information shall be reported by the  
18 postsecondary institution at the time for reporting enrollment information in the  
19 following quarter or semester. If the department determines that an overpayment has  
20 occurred, the institution shall promptly remit the amount overpaid to the department.

21 **Sec. 14.30.790. Funding for school districts.** Subject to appropriation and  
22 in addition to funding received under AS 14.17, the department shall make payments  
23 to school districts for a student who is 20 years of age or older who is enrolled in a  
24 postsecondary institution in order to meet secondary school graduation requirements  
25 as follows:

26 (1) for a student not attending classes in the school district, the school  
27 district shall receive 12 percent of the per student amount represented by that student  
28 in that school district under AS 14.17, multiplied by 65 percent, and that product  
29 multiplied by 1.3; or

30 (2) for a student attending classes in the school district on a part-time  
31 basis, the school district shall receive the per student amount represented by a student

1 of school age attending the same classes in that school district under AS 14.17,  
2 multiplied by 65 percent, that product multiplied by 1.3, and that product multiplied  
3 by the ratio of the total number of hours the student is in attendance in secondary  
4 school to 1020 hours.

5 **Sec. 14.30.800. Prohibited financial aid and fees.** (a) A secondary school  
6 student enrolled in a postsecondary course for secondary school credit may not apply  
7 for a student loan under AS 14.43.

8 (b) A postsecondary institution that receives reimbursement under  
9 AS 14.30.780 may not charge that student for fees, textbooks, materials, or support  
10 services except for items that become the property of the student. This subsection  
11 does not apply to a student taking a course for postsecondary credit.

12 **Sec. 14.30.810. Definitions.** In AS 14.30.760 - 14.30.810,

13 (1) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

14 (2) "postsecondary institution" means a public or private nonsectarian  
15 school, college, or university primarily offering academic, vocational or technical  
16 education to a person who has completed secondary school and that is located in this  
17 state.