

**SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(FIN)**  
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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational**  
2    **education program and to the allocation of money appropriated to the Alaska**  
3    **Workforce Investment Board; relating to the vocational education account and**  
4    **appropriations from that account; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6    \* **Section 1.** AS 23.15.835(a) is amended to read:

7           (a) In the manner provided in AS 23.20 **and for the benefit of the program,**  
8           the department shall collect from each employee an amount equal to **.15** [ONE-  
9           TENTH OF ONE] percent of the wages, as set out in AS 23.20.175, on which the  
10          employee is required to make contributions under AS 23.20.290(d). The department  
11          shall remit to the Department of Revenue, in accordance with AS 37.10.050, money  
12          collected under this subsection.

13    \* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.835 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14           (d) Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a), for the fiscal years ending June 30,  
15          2009, through June 30, 2014, the money collected under this section or otherwise

1 appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, formerly known as the  
 2 Alaska Human Resource Investment Council, shall be allocated directly in the  
 3 following percentages to the following institutions for programs consistent with  
 4 AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and capital improvements:

5	University of Alaska	45 percent
6	University of Alaska Southeast	5 percent
7	Galena Project Education Vocational Training Center	4 percent
8	Kotzebue Technical Center	9 percent
9	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	17 percent
10	Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	3 percent
11	Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	3 percent
12	Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9 percent
13	Delta Career Advancement Center	3 percent
14	New Frontier Vocational Technical Center	2 percent.

15 (e) The institutions receiving funding under (d) of this section, shall provide  
 16 an expenditure and performance report to the department by November 1 of each year  
 17 that includes the

18 (1) percentage of former participants in the program who have a job  
 19 one year after leaving the program;

20 (2) median wage of former participants seven to 12 months after  
 21 leaving the program;

22 (3) percentage of former participants who were employed after leaving  
 23 the program who received training under the program that was related or somewhat  
 24 related to the former participants job seven to 12 months after leaving the program;

25 (4) percentage of former participants who indicate some level of  
 26 satisfaction with the training received under the program; and

27 (5) percentage of employers of who indicate satisfaction with the  
 28 services provided through the program.

29 (f) The department shall prepare and present an expenditure and performance  
 30 report based on the information provided under (e) of this section to the legislature not  
 31 later than the 15th day of each regular legislative session.

1 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 **Article 4A. Vocational Education Account.**

3 **Sec. 37.10.200. Vocational education account.** (a) The vocational education  
4 account is created in the general fund.

5 (b) The account consists of

6 (1) appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;

7 (2) gifts, bequests, and contributions; and

8 (3) income and earnings of the account.

9 (c) Money in the vocational education account may be appropriated by the  
10 legislature to the state and political subdivisions of the state, including regional  
11 educational attendance areas and municipal school districts, for vocational education  
12 programs and courses approved by the commissioner of labor and workforce  
13 development in consultation with the commissioner of education and early  
14 development for any other public purpose.

15 (d) Nothing in this section dedicates funds for a specific purpose.

16 (e) In this section, "vocational education" includes vocational training  
17 programs and courses taught at the secondary and postsecondary level of education.

18 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 1, ch. 102, SLA 2001, as  
19 amended by sec. 48, ch. 86, SLA 2002, and sec. 1, ch. 133, SLA 2004, is repealed.

20 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2008.