

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act creating the access-to-education trust as an endowment to fund the
2 AlaskaAdvantage education grant program; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 37.14. is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 10. Access-to-Education Trust.**

6 **Sec. 37.14.900. Access-to-education trust established.** (a) The access-to-
7 education trust is established as an endowment trust of the state. The principal of the
8 trust consists of

9 (1) legislative appropriations to the trust; and

10 (2) gifts, bequests, and contributions of cash or other assets from a
11 person that are designated as being for the principal of the trust.

12 (b) Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.

13 **Sec. 37.14.910. Net income account.** (a) The net income account is
14 established in the access-to-education trust. The net income account consists of

1 (1) money or other assets given by persons to the trust whose
2 placement in the principal of the trust is not required by AS 37.14.900(a)(2); and

3 (2) amounts earned on the principal of the trust as determined by the
4 commissioner of revenue in accordance with investment accounting principles and in a
5 manner that preserves the distinction between principal and income.

6 (b) The net income account may be appropriated by the legislature to the
7 Department of Education and Early Development for the purpose of funding the
8 AlaskaAdvantage education grant program under AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 or for
9 other public purposes.

10 (c) Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.

11 **Sec. 37.14.920. Powers and duties of the commissioner of revenue.** (a) The
12 commissioner of revenue shall manage the trust as an endowment with the goal of
13 ensuring that the purchasing power of the trust will not diminish over time and without
14 regard to additional contributions that may be made to the trust.

15 (b) In carrying out the investment duties under AS 37.14.900 - 37.14.930, the
16 commissioner of revenue has the powers and duties set out in AS 37.10.071.

17 (c) The commissioner of revenue shall report the condition and investment
18 performance of the trust to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.

19 **Sec. 37.14.930. Definition.** In AS 37.14.900 - 37.14.930, "trust" means the
20 access-to-education trust established in AS 37.14.900.

21 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).