

SENATE BILL NO. 119

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a grant program to support public school libraries."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.56 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 **Article 5A. Public School Library Collection Development Grants.**

5 **Sec. 14.56.360. Public school library collection development grants.** (a)

6 There is established in the department a public school library collection development
7 grant program.

8 (b) The person or division in charge of the state library shall award grants to
9 and administer grants for use by eligible public school libraries to expand and improve
10 the library collection to include relevant and current reading materials.

11 (c) If money appropriated for the program is not awarded under (b) of this
12 section each year, the remaining money may be awarded to a school district as an
13 incentive grant to encourage innovative public school library programs as defined by
14 the person in charge of the state library.

15 **Sec. 14.56.365. Eligibility.** (a) A library eligible for a grant under

1 AS 14.56.360 must be a public school library established and supported by a school
2 district that

3 (1) provides physical space or, if a correspondence school operated by
4 a school district, resources for use as a library;

5 (2) provides regularly scheduled library hours for all students enrolled
6 in the school;

7 (3) provides designated library personnel to staff the library;

8 (4) provides acceptable evidence of the promotion of library and
9 information literacy standards; and

10 (5) maintains an annual library budget that includes library staffing and
11 materials.

12 (b) The department may establish by regulation an application and review
13 procedure, including requirements for submission of adequate documentation to prove
14 eligibility under this section. Documentation must include submission of library class
15 schedules, job descriptions for library staff, and a copy of an annual budget for the
16 library.

17 **Sec. 14.56.370. Eligible expenditures.** (a) A library collection development
18 grant may be used only to purchase library collection materials by a public school or
19 by a school district if the district operates a correspondence program with an eligible
20 school library. In this subsection, "library collection materials" means books,
21 magazines, reference materials, and electronic subscriptions that support school
22 curriculum and student reading activities.

23 (b) A library collection development grant may not be used to purchase
24 classroom materials, textbooks, testing software, library automation software,
25 computer hardware, operating software, or technology support.

26 **Sec. 14.56.375. Report.** A recipient of a grant awarded under AS 14.56.360
27 shall prepare a brief annual report to the department describing the effects of the grant
28 and whether all conditions of the grant were met or exceeded.