

**HOUSE BILL NO. 48**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES STORY, Fields, Hopkins**

**Introduced: 2/18/21**

**Referred: Education, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship program."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.43.820(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall award an Alaska  
5 performance scholarship to an applicant who

6 (1) is a resident of the state as defined in AS 01.10.055;

7 (2) graduated or will graduate within six months from a high school in  
8 the state;

9 (3) except as provided in (c) of this section, has completed a core  
10 academic curriculum of high school level coursework that includes

11 (A) four years of mathematics, four years of language arts, four  
12 years of science, and four years of social studies, one year of which may  
13 include a foreign language, an Alaska Native language, fine arts, [OR] cultural  
14 heritage, or career and technical education; [OR]

15 (B) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,

1 three years of science, four years of social studies, and two years of

2 (i) a foreign language or an Alaska Native language; or

3 (ii) career and technical education, one year of

4 which includes two semesters of sequentially more rigorous content

5 within a career cluster; or

6 (C) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,

7 three years of science, four years of social studies, one year of which may

8 be career and technical education, and two years of a foreign language or

9 an Alaska Native language;

10 (4) has a minimum grade-point average in high school of 2.5 or higher;  
11 the department shall set by regulation minimum requirements based on a substantially  
12 similar standard for districts that do not assign grades;

13 (5) has achieved a minimum score on a

14 (A) college entrance examination; or

15 (B) standardized examination designed to measure a student's  
16 level of preparedness to make the transition to work, as selected by the  
17 department; and

18 (6) is enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified  
19 postsecondary institution in this state that is intended to result in the award of a  
20 certificate or degree.

21 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.43.820(g) is amended to read:

22 (g) In this section,

23 (1) "career cluster" means a group of jobs and industries that are  
24 related by skills or products;

25 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.