

AMENDMENT #34

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE by Rep. Story
TO: CSHB 183(JUD)

1 Page 1, line 1, following "sports;": (title amendment)
2 Insert "establishing a female athlete scholarship fund;"
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4 Page 3, line 22:

5 Delete all material and insert:

6 ** Sec. 3. AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 14.43.940. Female athlete scholarship fund.** (a) The female athlete
8 scholarship fund is established as a separate fund in the state treasury for the purpose
9 of providing scholarships for female athletes to attend a public postsecondary
10 educational institution in the state. Money in the fund does not lapse. The fund
11 consists of money appropriated to it by the legislature, including money from other
12 sources and interest earned on money in the fund.

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

14 (c) The commission shall manage the fund and use the fund to provide
15 scholarships for female athletes to attend a public postsecondary educational
16 institution in the state. The commission shall establish an application process for the
17 scholarships. The commission shall award a scholarship to an applicant who

18 (1) participated in at least one high school sport while attending a high
19 school in the state; and

20 (2) is eligible for the first award level of the Alaska performance
21 scholarship as described in AS 14.43.825(a)(1).

22 (d) Scholarships provided under this section may be expended only for female
23 athletes to attend a public postsecondary educational institution in the state. The

1 amount of the scholarship is the amount of the female athlete's costs of attendance at
2 the public postsecondary educational institution, as certified by the public
3 postsecondary institution.

4 (e) Payment of a scholarship is subject to appropriation and the availability of
5 funds for expenditure under the fund. If insufficient funds are appropriated or
6 available in a fiscal year to pay all eligible scholarships, the commission may not
7 award a scholarship to a new applicant, and the commission shall pay existing awards
8 on a pro rata basis for that fiscal year.

9 (f) In this section, "fund" means the female athlete scholarship fund.

10 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.

11 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
12 AS 01.10.070(c)."