

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/20/24

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CARRICK, Foster, Galvin, Josephson, Story

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the technical and vocational education program; and providing for**
2 **an effective date."**

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

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

5 (a) In the manner provided in AS 23.20 and for the benefit of the program, the
6 department shall collect from each employee an amount equal to .25 [.16] percent of
7 the wages, as set out in AS 23.20.175, on which the employee is required to make
8 contributions under AS 23.20.290(d). The department shall remit to the Department of
9 Revenue, in accordance with AS 37.10.050, money collected under this subsection.

10 *** Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.835(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a), for the fiscal years ending June 30,
12 2015, through June 30, 2026 [2024], the money collected under this section or
13 otherwise appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall be allocated
14 directly in the following percentages to the following institutions for programs

1 consistent with AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and capital improvements:

2	University of Alaska	45 percent
3	Galena Interior Learning Academy	4 percent
4	Alaska Technical Center	9 percent
5	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	17 percent
6	Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	3 percent
7	Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	3 percent
8	Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9 percent
9	Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.	3 percent
10	Amundsen Educational Center	2 percent
11	Ilisagvik College	5 percent.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 23.15.835(d), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

13 (d) Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a), for the fiscal years ending June 30,
14 2026, through June 30, 2030, the money collected under this section or otherwise
15 appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall be allocated directly in
16 the following percentages to the following institutions for programs consistent with
17 AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and capital improvements:

18	University of Alaska	<u>40</u> [45] percent
19	Galena Interior Learning Academy	4 percent
20	Alaska Technical Center	9 percent
21	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	<u>15</u> [17] percent
22	Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	3 percent
23	Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	3 percent
24	Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9 percent
25	Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.	3 percent
26	Amundsen Educational Center	2 percent
27	Ilisagvik College	5 percent
28	<u>Alaska Job Center Network</u>	<u>7 percent.</u>

29 * **Sec. 4.** AS 23.15.835(g) is amended to read:

30 (g) **Except for the Alaska Job Center Network,** [THE] institutions receiving
31 funding under (d) of this section shall establish and maintain at least one articulation

1 agreement under which dual credit may be earned by high school students upon
2 completion of a vocational education course. **The Alaska Job Center Network shall**
3 **use the funds allocated under (d) of this section for individual training grants.**

4 * **Sec. 5.** AS 23.15.835(h) is amended to read:

5 (h) An institution's failure to comply with (e), [OR] (g), **or (i)** of this section
6 shall result in a withholding penalty of **up to 100** [20] percent of the funding allocated
7 under (d) of this section in the following year.

8 * **Sec. 6.** AS 23.15.835 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (i) Funds allocated to the University of Alaska under (d) of this section shall
10 be distributed so that equal funding is awarded to the northern, interior, southwest,
11 Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna, gulf coast, and southeast regions of the state.

12 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 APPLICABILITY. AS 23.15.835(i), enacted by sec. 6 of this Act, applies to funds
15 awarded on or after July 1, 2024.

16 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
17 read:

18 RETROACTIVITY. If sec. 2 of this Act takes effect after June 30, 2024, sec. 2 of this
19 Act is retroactive to June 30, 2024.

20 * **Sec. 9.** Sections 3 and 4 of this Act take effect July 1, 2026.

21 * **Sec. 10.** Except as provided in sec. 9 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
22 AS 01.10.070(c).