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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GORSUCH

SENATE BILL NO. 75

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to create, provide for and promote the establishment of community colleges within the Territory of Alaska, and to provide for the financial support and for the operation thereof."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Act the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(a) "Community college" shall mean a program to be set up by qualified school districts of the Territory of Alaska, as hereinafter defined, including vocational and academic instruction applicable to grades thirteen through fourteen and eligible for accreditation by the University of Alaska in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) "Qualified school district" shall mean any school district organized under the laws of the Territory of Alaska

(1) which shall make application to the Board of Regents for participation in the community college program;

(2) which shall satisfy the accreditation standards of the University of Alaska according to the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents;

- 1 (3) which has had an average daily membership
2 during the previous school year of at least ^{one} two
3 hundred ⁷⁵ fifty school students;
4 (4) which has established to the satisfaction of
5 the Board of Regents the practical need for a
6 community college within such district; and
7 (5) which makes arrangements for defraying its
8 proper share of the costs of the operation of a
9 community college as provided by the terms of this
10 Act.

11 (c) "Board of Regents" shall mean the Board of Regents
12 of the University of Alaska.

13 Section 2. A qualified school district is authorized to
14 establish, operate and maintain a community college in conjunction
15 with the University of Alaska.

16 Section 3. The Board, in its discretion and from time to
17 time as the need may arise, shall be entitled to contract with
18 qualified school districts, to provide for the establishment,
19 maintenance and operation of community colleges within such
20 districts and to reimburse such districts in the amount of
21 seventy-five per cent of instructors' salaries, instructional
22 supplies and administration expenses incurred in the operation
23 of community colleges within such districts.

24 Section 4. Qualified school districts are authorized to
25 accept reimbursement from the Board of Regents on account of the
26 maintenance and operation of community colleges. Any school
27 district establishing and operating a community college shall
28 pay twenty-five per cent of instructional and administrative
29 costs of the operation thereof from funds received otherwise than

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1 from reimbursement from the Board of Regents, and such school
2 district shall pay all expenses of providing buildings, and
3 maintaining the same, from funds other than those paid by the
4 Board of Regents.

5 Section 5. Any community college established by a school
6 district shall be established, maintained and operated under such
7 rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Regents.
8 Academic qualifications of instructors and administrators and
9 the curriculum of a community college, so far as it pertains to
10 courses accredited by the University of Alaska, shall be accord-
11 ing to standards set by the Board of Regents. Subject to other
12 provisions of this Act, the establishment, operation and mainten-
13 ance of community colleges shall be under the direct supervision
14 of the school boards of the school districts participating in the
15 community college plan as herein provided.

16 Section 6. The Board of Regents is authorized to partici-
17 pate financially under this Act with qualified school districts
18 in connection with educational courses for which no provision is
19 made in Territorial school laws. In that connection, there shall
20 be no duplication of funds available to school districts under
21 this Act of contributions made by the Territorial Department of
22 Education or by the Federal Government.

23 Section 7. The Board of Regents shall have full power and
24 authority, under rules and regulations established by it, to
25 grant credit for work done in any community college, whether or
26 not such work has been done under a program to which the Board
27 of Regents has made financial contribution as herein provided.

28 Section 8. Funds to carry out the purposes of this Act
29 shall be those provided for the University of Alaska in general

1 appropriation acts of the legislature.

2 Section 9. This Act shall be known as the "Community
3 College Act of the Territory of Alaska."

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