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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR POLLOCK

SENATE BILL NO. 64

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing readers for blind college students; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. BASIS OF ASSISTANCE. The Department of Health and Welfare, hereafter referred to as the department, shall provide financial assistance for the hiring of readers for resident blind students enrolled full-time in a university or college in Alaska. Eligibility for this assistance shall be determined by rules and regulations promulgated by the department. However, an application for assistance shall be approved only after a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or a registered optometrist has examined the applicant and has certified that the applicant has in his better eye, after correction, less than 20/200 vision or a field of vision less than 10°.

Sec. 2. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance which may be granted to hire readers shall be determined by the department, but this assistance may in no case exceed a total of \$2,000.00 for each student for each calendar year at the rate of \$1.00 per hour.

Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION. The administration of the program pursuant to this Act shall follow the procedures established by Ch. 126, SLA 1951 pertaining to investigation of applicant, granting of assistance, appeal, and review of eligibility.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 1961

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