

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 267

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to establishment and main-  
7 taining of community colleges by the  
8 University of Alaska with cooperation of  
9 local school districts or other political  
10 subdivisions; repealing Ch. 57, SLA 1953 as  
11 amended by Ch. 58, SLA 1955; and providing  
12 for an effective date."

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

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Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as "The

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Community College Act".

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Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Act, the following

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words and terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this  
18 section unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(1) "Community college" means a program of education

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to be established by the University of Alaska in cooperation with  
21 qualified school districts or qualified political subdivisions  
22 of the state, as hereinafter defined, including both academic  
23 degree and nondegree programs.

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(2) "Qualified school district" or "qualified political

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subdivision" shall mean any school district or political sub-

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division organized under the laws of the state, or any group

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of two or more contiguous school districts or political sub-

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divisions of the state, or any combination of each, which

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combination, considered as a unit, meets the minimum requirements

1 hereinafter set forth for the establishment of a community college

2 (a) which makes application to the Board of  
3 Regents of the University of Alaska for participation in  
4 the community college program;

5 (b) which satisfies educational standards of the  
6 University of Alaska according to criteria established by  
7 the Board of Regents;

8 (c) which has had an average daily membership  
9 during the previous school year of at least 75 high school  
10 students, grade 9-12;

11 (d) which has established to the satisfaction  
12 of the Board of Regents the practical need for a community  
13 college within the district or political subdivision; and

14 (e) which makes arrangements for defraying its  
15 proper share of the costs of the operation and maintenance  
16 of a community college, as provided by the terms of this  
17 Act.

18 (3) "Board of Regents" or "board" means the Board  
19 of Regents of the University of Alaska.

20 Sec. 3. AUTHORITY TO COOPERATE. Qualified school districts  
21 and political subdivisions, as defined in this Act, are authorized  
22 to enter into an agreement with the University of Alaska for  
23 the establishment, operation and maintenance of a community  
24 college. Qualified school districts and qualified political  
25 subdivisions are authorized to pay and shall pay 100 per cent  
26 of instructional and administrative costs for nondegree college  
27 programs and activities offered.

28 Sec. 4. AUTHORITY OF BOARD. a. Since academic education  
29 beyond the high school level is a state-wide responsibility,

1 the board, in its discretion and as the need arises from time to  
2 time, is authorized to cooperate with the federal government as  
3 well as qualified school districts and political subdivisions  
4 in the establishment of appropriate higher educational programs  
5 and activities. The board shall be responsible for the selection  
6 of all community college instructors, part and full time, for  
7 the academic degree programs and activities, and shall pay 100  
8 per cent of instructional and administrative costs, including  
9 cost of special equipment and instructional materials, for  
10 academic degree programs and activities offered.

11 b. Selected upper division and graduate level courses of  
12 instruction, as offered by the university through its off-campus  
13 instructional program to meet local needs, may be coordinated  
14 through the office of the director of any community college.

15 Sec. 5. USE OF JOINT FACILITIES. Where facilities used  
16 by the community college are owned by the school district or  
17 political subdivision, the board, subject to availability of  
18 appropriated funds, is authorized to reimburse the school district  
19 for all expenses directly related to facilities for academic  
20 degree programs and activities. The school district or political  
21 subdivision shall bear all expenses directly related to nondegree  
22 programs and activities. In the event separate facilities are  
23 financed, constructed or maintained from federal, state or  
24 private funds for either academic degree or nonacademic degree  
25 programs and activities of the community college, then the  
26 board shall have title to and control of such separate facilities  
27 used for such purposes. In the event separate facilities are  
28 financed, constructed or maintained from school district or  
29 political subdivision funds for either degree or nondegree

1 programs and activities, the school district or political  
2 subdivision shall have title to and control of such separate  
3 facilities used for such purposes.

4 Sec. 6. DIRECTOR. The administrative head of a community  
5 college established by the University of Alaska in cooperation  
6 with school districts or political subdivisions shall be a  
7 director. The director shall be selected by the board, subject  
8 to approval by the governing body of the school district or  
9 political subdivision.

10 Sec. 7. RULES AND REGULATIONS. Any community college  
11 established by the university in cooperation with school districts  
12 or political subdivisions shall be established, maintained and  
13 operated under such rules and regulations as may be adopted  
14 by the board. The selection and academic qualifications for  
15 personnel, and the curriculum of a community college, insofar  
16 as it pertains to academic degree programs and activities,  
17 shall be the responsibility of the board. The selection and  
18 qualifications of personnel for nondegree programs and activities  
19 of the community college shall be the responsibility of the  
20 governing body of the school district or political subdivision.

21 Sec. 8. DISPOSITION OF INCOME. All monies, including  
22 tuition and fees heretofore received or which shall be  
23 received from the operations of any community college established,  
24 operated and maintained under this Act and directly related  
25 or attributable to academic degree programs and activities  
26 shall be placed in the community college fund of the University  
27 of Alaska. All monies, including tuition and fees heretofore  
28 received or which shall be received from the operations of  
29 any community college established, operated and maintained

1 under this Act and directly related or attributable to nondegree  
2 programs and activities of the community college shall be  
3 placed in the appropriate fund of the qualified school district  
4 or political subdivision cooperating with the university in the  
5 establishment of the community college.

6 Sec. 9. REPEAL. Ch. 57, SLA 1953 as amended by Ch. 58,  
7 SLA 1955 is repealed.

8 Sec. 10. SAVING CLAUSE. All agreements between the  
9 University of Alaska and community colleges in effect upon  
10 the effective date of this Act shall remain in effect until  
11 the agreed expiration thereof, unless, prior thereto, the  
12 same are mutually cancelled or modified by the contracting  
13 parties.

14 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the  
15 day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes  
16 law without such approval.

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