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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 440

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act defining a comprehensive curriculum,
7 requiring the establishment of a compre-
8 hensive curriculum in certain schools, and
9 authorizing the establishment of a compre-
10 hensive curriculum in other schools."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 14.05 is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 Sec. 14.05.165. COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM. (a) Each
15 high school with over 100 pupils shall establish a compre-
16 hensive curriculum in accordance with this section.

17 (b) A comprehensive curriculum shall be designed to
18 afford electives which will serve the needs and inclinations
19 of, and which offer levels of difficulty appropriate to each
20 of the pupils in the school. The basic elements which shall
21 be integral parts of the comprehensive curriculum are:

22 (1) a base program of the general education neces-
23 sary for each pupil regardless of whether he will pursue
24 vocational or college preparatory education;

25 (2) a program of college preparatory education
26 covering the requisite academic areas;

27 (3) a program of exploratory, and when warranted,
28 specialized vocational education in the areas of, but not
29 limited to

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- (A) agricultural education,
- (B) office occupations education,
- (C) home economics education,
- (D) trade and industrial education,
- (E) health occupations education,
- (F) distributive education,
- (G) technical education.

(c) The department shall establish resource units and guidelines which shall be used by the districts or the department in establishing a comprehensive curriculum in a high school.

(d) Any high school with less than 100 pupils, but having appropriate facilities and circumstances, may establish a comprehensive curriculum in accordance with this section. A school establishing a comprehensive curriculum under this subsection is entitled to financial support from the department on a basis to be determined by the commissioner.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.10.140(4) is repealed.