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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE  
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 338

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 regional high school and  
7 providing for establishment of a system of  
8 regional high schools throughout the state."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 16. REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

12 Sec. 14.16.010. REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

13 (a) A regional high school is a school, offering the pupils  
14 of a large surrounding geographic region, a broad and compre-  
15 hensive academic and vocational education with a full comple-  
16 ment of counseling and guidance services, and affording  
17 maximum opportunities for social and cultural transition and  
18 integration. A regional high school is established in  
19 connection with existing facilities which are appropriately  
20 located, and is complemented by domiciliary facilities  
21 serving pupils from the outlying portions of the region.

22 (b) A system of regional high schools shall be  
23 established as part of the existing system of public schools.

24 (c) The system shall be implemented by the selection  
25 of existing schools or school districts having the appro-  
26 priate criteria for regional high schools, and by broadening  
27 the curriculum, expanding the facilities, and establishing  
28 domiciliary facilities at each school or district selected  
29 so that pupils from the surrounding region may successfully

1 attend the school and receive a comprehensive high school  
2 education when none is immediately available to them in  
3 their community.

4 (d) The selection of a school suitable for a regional  
5 high school shall be made by the legislature or the depart-  
6 ment. The conversion of a school so selected into a regional  
7 high school shall be accomplished by the department if the  
8 school is in the state-operated system, and by the department  
9 and the district in cooperation through contractual arrange-  
10 ments if the school is in a district.

11 (e) The supervision and control of a regional high  
12 school shall be under the school board of the district in  
13 which the regional high school is located and under the  
14 department when the regional high school is in the state-  
15 operated system.

16 (f) When a regional high school is in a district,  
17 tuition for nonresident pupils shall be paid by the depart-  
18 ment for children coming from areas outside school districts  
19 and by the district where the pupil is a resident for children  
20 coming from other districts, if the Bureau of Indian Affairs  
21 or another federal agency has insufficient funds available  
22 for the tuition.

23 Sec. 14.16.020. CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.  
24 The criteria for determining whether a school or a district  
25 should be a regional high school are:

26 (1) that the existing school is reasonably well  
27 established and adaptable to expansion into a regional high  
28 school;

29 (2) that there is in the region which the school

1 can properly serve, a substantial population eligible for  
2 high school; and

3 (3) that conversion of the school into a regional  
4 high school will, through the free interchange of activity  
5 between the school and the community, result in increased  
6 social and cultural advantage to the pupils.

7 Sec. 14.16.030. DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The depart-  
8 ment shall

9 (1) take the necessary action to accomplish the  
10 conversion of a school into a regional high school when a  
11 school is selected;

12 (2) contract as is necessary to establish and  
13 operate a regional high school;

14 (3) make an annual report to the legislature  
15 describing the operation of existing regional high schools,  
16 reviewing schools which may meet the criteria for a regional  
17 high school, and covering all other data relevant to regional  
18 high schools.  
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