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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH

2 SENATE BILL NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act changing the state's Compact for Education to
7 follow more closely to the model Compact."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.710 is amended by amending Article II to read:

10 ARTICLE II. THE COMMISSION.

11 Section A. The Education [EDUCATIONAL] Commission of the States,
12 hereinafter called "the Commission," is hereby established. The Com-
13 mission shall consist of seven members representing each party State.
14 In addition to any other principles or requirements which a State may
15 establish for the appointment and service of its members of the Com-
16 mission, the guiding principle for the composition of the membership
17 on the Commission from each party State shall be that the members repre-
18 senting such State shall, by virtue of their training, experience,
19 knowledge or affiliations be in a position collectively to reflect
20 broadly the interests of the State Government, higher education, the
21 State education system, local education and lay and professional public
22 and nonpublic educational leadership. In addition to the members of the
23 Commission representing the party States, there may be not to exceed ten
24 nonvoting commissioners selected by the steering committee for terms of
25 one year. Such commissioners shall represent leading national organi-
26 zations of professional educators or persons concerned with educational
27 administration.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.710 is amended by amending Article V to read:

29 ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES.

1 Section A. To assist in the expeditious conduct of its business
2 when the full Commission is not meeting, the Commission shall have a
3 steering committee of thirty-two [THIRTY] members which, subject to the
4 provisions of this Compact and consistent with the policies of the Com-
5 mission, shall be constituted and function as provided in the bylaws of
6 the Commission. One-fourth [ONE-THIRD] of the membership of the steering
7 committee shall consist of Governors, one-fourth shall consist of legis-
8 lators, and the remainder shall consist of other members of the Com-
9 mission. A Federal representative on the Commission may serve with the
10 steering committee, but without vote. The voting members of the steer-
11 ing committee shall serve for terms of two years, except that members
12 elected to the first steering committee of the Commission shall be
13 elected as follows: sixteen [FIFTEEN] for one year and sixteen [FIFTEEN]
14 for two years. The chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer of the Com-
15 mission shall be members of the steering committee and, anything in this
16 paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding, shall serve during their con-
17 tinuance in these offices. Vacancies in the steering committee shall
18 not affect its authority to act, but the Commission at its next regu-
19 larly ensuing meeting following the occurrence of any vacancy shall fill
20 it for the unexpired term. No person shall serve more than two terms
21 as a member of the steering committee; provided that service for a
22 partial term of one year or less shall not be counted toward the two
23 term limitation.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.710 is amended by amending Article VIII to read:

25 ARTICLE VIII. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.

26 This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the
27 purposes thereof. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable
28 and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact is
29 declared to be contrary to the constitution of any State or of the

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United States, or the applicability thereof to any Government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid [VALID], the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any Government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this Compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any State participating therein, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the State affected as to all severable matters.

* Sec. 4. AS 14.40.710 is amended by adding a new Article to read:

ARTICLE IX. STATE DEFINED.

As used in this Compact, "State" means a State, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.