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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 549

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for tuition grants to students
7 attending institutions of higher education in Alaska."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.751 is amended to read:

10 ARTICLE 9. SCHOLARSHIP LOANS AND TUITION GRANTS.

11 Sec. 14.40.751. LOAN AND TUITION FUND CREATED. There is created
12 a scholarship revolving loan and tuition grant fund as an account in
13 the general fund. The fund shall be used to make scholarship loans
14 to students selected under secs. 751 - 771 [773] of this chapter
15 and to make tuition grants to eligible students under secs. 801 - 835
16 of this chapter.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.753 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (e) The selection committee shall decide for each school year
19 what portion of available appropriations to the scholarship revolving
20 loan and tuition grant fund may be used for scholarship loans and
21 what portion may be used for tuition grants.

22 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.755(b) is amended to read:

23 (b) A person whose loan application is not recommended or
24 presented to the committee by the executive secretary may appeal to
25 the selection committee through the chairman of the committee and the
26 committee shall consider the application.

27 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.763(f) is amended to read:

28 (f). Interest on a loan given under secs. 751 - 771 [773] of
29 this chapter is at the rate of five per cent.

1 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.773 is repealed.

2 * Sec. 6. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

3 Sec. 14.40.801. TUITION GRANTS. The executive secretary of the
4 selection committee shall award tuition grants in the amount of tuition
5 less the amount of \$600 to eligible students attending qualified
6 institutions of higher education in Alaska subject to the availability
7 of funds allocated by the student loan selection committee. The
8 maximum tuition grant which may be made during any one school year to
9 a full time student enrolled in an associate degree program is \$600.
10 The maximum tuition grant which may be made during any one school year
11 to a full time student enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate degree
12 program is \$1,400.

13 Sec. 14.40.805. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. No grants may be made
14 under sec. 801 of this chapter for any portion of tuition which would
15 otherwise be paid under the terms of a federal grant program.

16 Sec. 14.40.811. CONDITIONS OF GRANTS. Proceeds from grants may
17 be only used for tuition at a college or university in Alaska
18 accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

19 Sec. 14.40.815. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS. A student may apply for
20 a grant under sec. 801 of this chapter if

21 (1) he is a resident of Alaska and

22 (2) he is either

23 (A) enrolled as a full time student in an associate,
24 baccalaureate, or graduate degree program; or

25 (B) accepted for enrollment as a full time student in
26 an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program.

27 Sec. 14.40.821. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. Application for
28 tuition grants must be submitted to the executive secretary. The
29 application deadline for a school year is the first day of that

1 school year. The executive secretary of the selection committee may
2 award grants only after the institution of higher education has
3 certified that the student has enrolled in a full time course of study
4 in an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program.

5 Sec. 14.40.825. PREFERENCE IN AWARD OF GRANTS. If the funds
6 allocated by the student loan selection committee are insufficient to
7 make the authorized tuition grants to all eligible students, grants
8 shall first be made to all eligible veterans. If the funds allocated
9 are insufficient to make authorized tuition grants to all eligible
10 veterans, the grants shall be made on a pro rata basis to the eligible
11 veterans. If the grants are sufficient to make grants to all eligible
12 veterans but insufficient to make the authorized tuition grants to
13 other eligible students, the grants shall be made to the other
14 eligible students on a pro rata basis after the authorized grants to
15 the veterans are made. Grants of less than the amount authorized by
16 sec. 801 of this chapter may be supplemented if additional funds are
17 allocated to make tuition grants.

18 Sec. 14.40.831. BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS. The
19 executive secretary may decline to award tuition grants under sec.
20 801 of this chapter to students attending an institution if he finds
21 that the budgeting and accounting practices of the institution are
22 inadequate in comparison with the practices of similar institutions.

23 Sec. 14.40.835. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 751 - 835 of this chapter

24 (1) "career education" means a course or program in
25 vocational-technical training or education approved by the Department
26 of Education;

27 (2) "full time student" means a student who is enrolled and
28 is in regular attendance at classes for at least 12 semester hours of
29 credit during the semester;

1 (4) "resident" means a person domiciled in Alaska who has
2 resided in Alaska for at least two years before an application for a
3 grant or loan is made under secs. 751 - 835 of this chapter;

4 (5) "school year" means the period from September 1 of one
5 year through August 31 of the following year;

6 (6) "veterans" means persons who served in the armed forces
7 of the United States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for less
8 than 90 days because of injury or disability incurred in the line of
9 duty who were separated from the armed forces with a discharge other
10 than dishonorable and active members of the Alaska National Guard who
11 completed the initial voluntary enlistment period which fulfills the
12 mandatory requirement for military service under the Military Selective
13 Service Act (50 U.S.C. App., secs. 451 - 456 and 458 - 471).