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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 549

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for tuition grants to students
7 attending institutions of higher education in Alaska;
8 and providing 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. AS 14.40.751 is amended to read:

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ARTICLE 9. SCHOLARSHIP LOANS AND TUITION GRANTS.

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

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.753(a) is amended to read:

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(a) There is created the student loan and tuition grant selection
20 committee composed of seven members appointed by the governor. The
21 committee is composed of the commissioner of education and at least
22 one undergraduate student, one person employed as a high school coun-
23 selor, one person from a minority group and one person representing the
24 field of vocational-technical training. No member may be the president
25 or a senior administrative officer of a college or university. Members
26 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The committee shall elect its
27 chairman. The commissioner of education shall act as executive secre-
28 tary of the committee. The Department of Education is charged with
29 administering the program established by this chapter.

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1 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.753 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

6 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.755(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) A person whose loan or grant application is not recommended or pre-
8 sented to the committee by the executive secretary may appeal to the
9 selection committee through the chairman of the committee and the com-
10 mittee shall consider the application.

11 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.763(f) is amended to read:

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

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

15 Sec. 14.40.801. TUITION GRANTS. The executive secretary of the
16 selection committee shall award a tuition grant to a student in an
17 amount up to the difference between (1) the cost, in a city where
18 there is both a four-year state university and a four-year private
19 university or in a city where there is both a two-year state community
20 college and a two-year private college, for the operation of the state
21 institution on a full-time student per academic year basis, and (2)
22 the tuition paid by the student at the state institution in those
23 locations. This amount is to be applied by the student toward his
24 tuition at the private university or college in which he enrolls.

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

28 Sec. 14.40.811. CONDITIONS OF GRANTS. Proceeds from grants may
29 be used only for tuition at a college or university in Alaska accredited

1 by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

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

4 (1) he is a resident of Alaska, and

5 (2) he is either

6 (A) accepted for admission as a full-time or part-time
7 student in an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree program;
8 or

9 (B) enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an
10 associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program.

11 Sec. 14.40.821. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. Application for
12 tuition grants must be submitted to the executive secretary. The
13 application deadline for a school year is the first day of that school
14 year. The executive secretary of the selection committee may award
15 grants only after the institution of higher education has certified
16 that the student has enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of
17 study in an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program. The
18 selection committee shall determine the appropriate formula for award-
19 ing tuition grants to part-time students, and the committee shall be
20 guided by the provisions of sec. 801 of this chapter in making that
21 determination: the difference between (1) the cost of operation for the
22 state institution per semester credit hour and (2) the fee paid by
23 the student at the state institution per semester credit hour.

24 Sec. 14.40.831. FISCAL AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. The
25 executive secretary may decline to award tuition grants under sec. 801
26 of this chapter to students attending an institution if he finds that
27 the fiscal and business management practices of the institution are
28 inadequate in comparison with the practices of similar institutions.
29 However, an institution whose fiscal and business management practices

1 are found inadequate may appeal the determination of the executive
2 secretary to the selection committee through the chairman of the
3 committee.

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

5 (1) "career education" means a course or program in
6 vocational-technical training or education approved by the Department
7 of Education;

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

11 (3) "part-time student" means a student who is enrolled and
12 is in regular attendance at classes for at least two but less than
13 twelve semester hours of credit during the semester;

14 (4) "resident" means a person domiciled in Alaska who has
15 resided in Alaska for at least one year before an application for a
16 grant or loan is made under secs. 751 - 835 of this chapter;

17 (5) "school year" means the period from September 1 of one
18 year through August 31 of the following year.

19 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.773 is repealed.

20 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1972.