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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 695

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to community schools; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

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

10 CHAPTER 36. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

11 Sec. 14.36.010. PURPOSE. The community school is an expression
12 of the philosophy that the school, as the prime educational institution
13 of the community, is most effective when it involves the people of
14 that community in a program designed to fulfill their educational
15 needs. The community school promotes a more efficient use of school
16 facilities through an extension of school personnel, buildings and
17 equipment beyond the normal school day. The purpose of this chapter
18 is to provide state leadership and financial support to encourage and
19 assist local school districts in the establishment of community
20 schools.

21 Sec. 14.36.020. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.
22 Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a school
23 district may submit to the commissioner an application for a community
24 school grant. An application shall include

25 (1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program,
26 including but not limited to, activities for preschool age children,
27 after school hours activities for both children and adults, continued
28 and remedial education program for children and adults, and cultural
29 enrichment and recreational activities for citizens in the community;

1 (2) a resolution of the district board indicating its inten-
2 tion to provide for the total cost of the program in excess of a state
3 grant and other anticipated sources of funding;

4 (3) provision for a director for each community school.

5 Sec. 14.36.030. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commissioner
6 shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the district board
7 for modification, an application for a community school grant. For
8 those applications he approves, the commissioner shall authorize dis-
9 tribution of a community school grant of one instructional unit for
10 each attendance area of 300 pupils or more. Within the limits of
11 available funds, priority shall be given to programs serving the
12 maximum number of persons.

13 Sec. 14.36.040. COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIRECTOR. The community school
14 director or coordinator is administratively accountable to the school
15 principal in the school in which the director or coordinator serves.

16 Sec. 14.36.050. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a
17 school district, the department shall provide whatever technical
18 assistance a school district requires to develop and submit an applica-
19 tion for a community school program. The department may use its own
20 staff or consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

21 Sec. 14.36.060. ANNUAL REPORT. Thirty days before a session
22 of the legislature, the commissioner shall transmit to the legislature
23 and to the state Board of Education an annual report concerning the
24 community school program, including the criteria used for approval of
25 applications for community school grants, and the recommended level
26 of funding during a fiscal year beginning July 1. The commissioner's
27 report also shall include an appraisal of the community schools pro-
28 grams that were funded in the previous fiscal year as to the effective-
29 ness, efficiency and utilization of resources together with

1 recommendations for legislation the commissioner considers appropriate.

2 Sec. 14.36.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

3 (1) "board" means the governing body of a school district
4 or the state-operated schools;

5 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

6 (3) "community school director" or "coordinator" means a
7 certified teacher who is employed by a school district on a full-time
8 basis to promote, organize, coordinate and direct a community school
9 program;

10 (4) "community school program" means the composite of
11 those educational, cultural enrichment and recreational services pro-
12 vided the citizens of a community, except those services provided
13 through the regular instructional program during normal school hours;

14 (5) "department" means the Department of Education;

15 (6) "district" means a school district or the state-operated
16 schools.

17 Sec. 14.36.080. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the
18 Alaska Community School Act.

19 * Sec. 2. It is the intent of the legislature that the community school
20 program become fully operational at the beginning of the fiscal year follow-
21 ing its authorization by the legislature. However, fiscal year 1972-1973
22 shall be used primarily for planning, providing technical services to school
23 districts and reviewing proposed community school programs. The commissioner
24 shall include in his budget for fiscal year 1973-1974, and for subsequent
25 years, funds sufficient to implement this program.

26 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1972.
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