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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 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, before and after school hours activities
27 for both children and adults, continued and remedial education program
28 for children and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational
29 activities for citizens in the community;

- 1 (2) a provision for a community schools advisory council;
2 (3) provision for community school direction and coordina-
3 tion;
4 (4) a statement as to the number of schools to be operated
5 as community schools.

6 Sec. 14.36.030. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commissioner
7 shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the district board
8 for modification, an application for a community school program grant.

9 Sec. 14.36.040. FUNDING. A district operating an approved
10 community school program may receive a grant up to two per cent of its
11 public school foundation support. The support provided shall be in
12 the proportion that the number of schools in each district that are
13 operated as community schools is to the total number of schools in the
14 district.

15 Sec. 14.36.050. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a
16 school district, the department shall provide technical assistance a
17 school district in developing and submitting an application for a
18 community school program. The department may use its own staff or
19 consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

20 Sec. 14.36.060. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

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

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

24 (3) "community school director" or "coordinator" means a
25 certified teacher who is employed by a school district to promote,
26 organize, coordinate and direct a community school program;

27 (4) "community school program" means the composite of those
28 educational, cultural, social and recreational services provided the
29 citizens of a community, except those services normally provided through

1 the regular instructional program;

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

3 (6) "district" means a school district or the state-operated
4 schools.

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

7 * Sec. 2. It is the intent of the legislature that the community school
8 program become fully operational at the beginning of the second fiscal year
9 following its authorization by the legislature. However, fiscal year 1972-
10 1973 shall be used primarily for planning, providing technical services to
11 school districts and reviewing proposed community school programs.

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