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2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 equipment beyond the  
17 normal school day. The purpose of this chapter is to provide state  
18 leadership and financial support to encourage and assist local school  
19 districts in the establishment of community schools.

20 Sec. 14.36.020. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.  
21 Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a local  
22 attendance area may submit to the commissioner, through the school  
23 district, an application for a community school grant. An application  
24 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 education program for children  
28 and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activities for  
29 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 to include personnel requirements;
- 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 initiator through  
8 the district board for modification, an application for a community  
9 school program grant.

10 Sec. 14.36.040. FUNDING. A district operating an approved  
11 community school program may receive a grant up to two per cent of its  
12 public school foundation support and up to two per cent of its opera-  
13 ting budget appropriated by the legislature in the case of the state-  
14 operated schools. The support provided shall be in the proportion that  
15 the number of schools in each district that are operated as community  
16 schools is to the total number of schools in the district.

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

22 Sec. 14.36.060. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

- 23 (1) "board" means the governing body of a school district,
- 24 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;
- 25 (3) "community school program" means the composite of those  
26 educational, cultural, social and recreational services provided the  
27 citizens of a community, except those services normally provided  
28 through the regular instructional program;
- 29 (4) "department" means the Department of Education;

1 (5) "district" means a school district or the state-operated  
2 schools;

3 (6) "local attendance area" means an elementary or secondary  
4 school, or combination thereof, which functions as a distinct admin-  
5 istrative unit.

6 \* Sec. 2. It is the intent of the legislature (1) that fiscal year  
7 1973-1974 be used primarily for planning, providing technical services to  
8 school districts and reviewing proposed community school programs and (2)  
9 that the community school program become fully operational at the beginning  
10 of the second fiscal year following its authorization by the legislature.

11 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1973.  
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