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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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, INTENT. (a) The community school is  
12 an expression of the philosophy that the school, as the prime educa-  
13 tional institution of the community, is most effective when it  
14 involves the people of that community in a program designed to fulfill  
15 their educational needs. The community school promotes a more effi-  
16 cient use of school 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 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that

22 (1) a pilot program of community school grants be established;

23 (2) the first fiscal year in which the community school  
24 grant program is in effect following its authorization shall be primarily  
25 for planning, providing technical services to local attendance areas  
26 or school districts and reviewing proposed community school programs;  
27 and

28 (3) the community school program will become fully operational  
29 at the beginning of the second fiscal year following its authorization.

1           Sec. 14.36.020. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT FUND CREATED; LIMITATIONS  
2 ON USE. There is created a community schools grant fund as an account  
3 in the general fund. The fund shall be used to make community school  
4 grants to local attendance areas or school districts under this chapter.  
5 Legislative appropriations for community school grants shall be deposited  
6 in this fund. Community school grants may be used for planning, train-  
7 ing and operations.

8           Sec. 14.36.030. GRANTS. A district operating an approved com-  
9 munity school program may receive a first-year grant up to one half of  
10 one per cent of its public school foundation support, a second-year  
11 grant of up to one per cent of that support, a third-year grant of up  
12 to one and one-half per cent of that support, and a fourth-year grant  
13 of up to two per cent of that support. The support provided shall be  
14 in the proportion that the number of schools in each district that are  
15 operated as community schools is to the total number of schools in the  
16 district.

17           Sec. 14.36.040. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.  
18 Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a local  
19 attendance area may submit to the commissioner, through the school  
20 district, an application for a community school grant. An application  
21 shall include

22           (1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program,  
23 including but not limited to, before and after school hours activities  
24 for both children and adults, continued education program for children  
25 and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activities for  
26 citizens in the community;

27           (2) a provision for a community schools advisory council;

28           (3) provision for community school direction and coordina-  
29 tion to include personnel requirements;

1 (4) a statement as to the number of schools to be operated  
2 as community schools.

3 Sec. 14.36.050. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commissioner  
4 shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the initiator through  
5 the district board for modification, an application for a community  
6 school program grant.

7 Sec. 14.36.060. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a  
8 school district, the department shall provide technical assistance to  
9 a school district in developing and submitting an application for a  
10 community school program. The department may use its own staff or  
11 consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

12 Sec. 14.36.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

13 (1) "board" means the governing body of a school district;

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

15 (3) "community school program" means the composite of those  
16 educational, cultural, social and recreational services provided the  
17 citizens of a community, except those services normally provided  
18 through the regular instructional program;

19 (4) "department" means the Department of Education;

20 (5) "district" means a school district or the state-operated  
21 schools;

22 (6) "local attendance area" means an elementary or secondary  
23 school, or combination thereof, which functions as a distinct adminis-  
24 trative unit.

25 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1973.  
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