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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 213

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 involves  
14 the people of that community in a program designed to fulfill their  
15 educational needs. The community school promotes a more efficient use  
16 of school facilities through an extension of buildings and equipment  
17 beyond the normal school day. The purpose of this chapter is to pro-  
18 vide state leadership and financial support to encourage and assist  
19 local school districts in the establishment of community schools.

20 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that

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

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

27 (3) the community school program will become fully opera-  
28 tional at the beginning of the second fiscal year following its authori-  
29 zation.

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

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

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

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

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

          (3) provision for community school direction and coordina-  
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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