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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 179 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH 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 program of community school grants be established to
22 provide assistance to local communities in the initial development and
23 implementation of community school programs;

24 (2) technical assistance and coordination of statewide
25 efforts to develop and operate community school programs be provided by
26 the department; and

27 (3) the community school program will become fully opera-
28 tional at the beginning of the second fiscal year following its
29 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
6 deposited in this fund. Community school grants may be used for plan-
7 ning, training 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 programs 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 coordination
29 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 commis-
4 sioner shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the initiator
5 through the district board for modification, an application for a
6 community school program grant.

7 Sec. 14.36.060. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a school
8 district, the department shall provide technical assistance to a
9 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 through
18 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 of these schools, which functions as a distinct
24 administrative unit.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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