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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 182

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  
12 concept is an expression of the philosophy that the school, as the  
13 prime educational institution of the community, is most effective when  
14 it involves the people of that community in a program designed to  
15 fulfill their educational needs. A community school promotes a more  
16 efficient use of school facilities through an extension of buildings  
17 and equipment beyond the normal school day. The purpose of this  
18 chapter is to provide state leadership and financial support to encourage  
19 and 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 to provide assistance to local communities in initial development and  
24 implementation of community school programs; and

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

28 Sec. 14.36.020. CREATION OF ALASKA COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY  
29 COUNCIL. (a) There is created within the Department of Education the

1 Alaska Community Education Advisory Council to encourage and supervise  
2 the development of community education programs in local communities  
3 throughout the state.

4 (b) The Alaska Community Education Advisory Council consists of  
5 nine members broadly representative of the educational, cultural,  
6 social and community development interests in the state. Insofar as  
7 possible, they shall represent state-wide geographical and ethnic  
8 considerations. Members must be qualified by virtue of their training,  
9 experience, knowledge or affiliations and should be in a position  
10 collectively to reflect and influence broadly the interests of the  
11 various levels of government, education, and the private sector.

12 (c) The members shall be appointed by the state board of education.

13 (d) The term of office for each member is three years; however,  
14 of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for terms of  
15 one year, three shall be appointed for terms of two years, and three  
16 for terms of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance  
17 of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

18 (e) The council shall select a chairperson from among its  
19 members. The term of office for a chairperson is one year; however,  
20 a chairperson may be elected and serve for more than one term.

21 (f) The members of the council are entitled to receive per diem  
22 and travel allowances according to law, but are not entitled to receive  
23 compensation for services as a member.

24 (g) A member may be removed by the state board of education for  
25 misconduct, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, or incapacity.

26 Sec. 14.36.030. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. The council shall

27 (1) establish and maintain close cooperation and understanding  
28 among executive, legislative, professional, educational and lay indi-  
29 viduals and groups in the areas affected by community education programs;

1 (2) provide a forum for the discussion, development and  
2 recommendation of public policy alternatives in the area of community  
3 education;

4 (3) provide a clearinghouse for information on matters  
5 relating to problems facing community education programs throughout  
6 the country and how they are being met;

7 (4) provide the clearinghouse function for resources of all  
8 kinds, linking people who want to help to those who have specific  
9 needs;

10 (5) initiate or receive for review all applications for  
11 community education program grants under this chapter and the federal  
12 Community Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 1864;

13 (6) evaluate all applications for community education  
14 program grants under this chapter and make recommendations to the  
15 commissioner as to the approval or disapproval of those applications;

16 (7) provide comment, as appropriate, on applications by  
17 school districts for grants under the federal Community Schools Act,  
18 20 U.S.C. 1864;

19 (8) provide consultative services in all aspects of community  
20 education to public and private agencies in the state, and encourage  
21 maximum initiative and participation on the part of community members  
22 in the development of community education programs;

23 (9) perform other functions necessary to insure the orderly  
24 and coordinated development of community education in the state.

25 Sec. 14.36.040. COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION. There is  
26 within the department a coordinator of community education to provide  
27 technical assistance and coordinating services to school districts and  
28 to act as professional advisor to the council and liaison between the  
29 council and the commissioner. The coordinator must be an individual

1 who has been professionally trained in community education.

2 Sec. 14.36.050. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT FUND CREATED; LIMITATIONS  
3 ON USE. There is created a community schools grant fund as an account  
4 in the general fund. The fund shall be used to make community school  
5 grants to school districts for the development and implementation of  
6 community school programs under this chapter. Legislative appro-  
7 priations for community school grants shall be deposited in this fund.  
8 Community school grants may be used for planning, training and operations.

9 Sec. 14.36.060. APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANTS.  
10 Under regulations adopted by the state board of education, a school  
11 district may submit to the commissioner, for a local attendance area  
12 or the school district, an application for a community school grant.  
13 An application shall include

14 (1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program,  
15 including, but not limited to, before and after school hours activities  
16 for both children and adults, continued education programs for children  
17 and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activities for  
18 citizens in the community;

19 (2) provision for a local community schools advisory council;

20 (3) provision for community school direction and coordination  
21 to include personnel requirements;

22 (4) a statement as to the number of schools to be operated  
23 as community schools under the proposed program;

24 (5) a detailed estimate of the funds necessary for initial  
25 development and implementation of the proposed program.

26 Sec. 14.36.070. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSTIION. The commissioner  
27 shall approve, disapprove or return to the applicant for modification,  
28 an application for a community school program grant. The commissioner  
29 shall also inform the council of the action he has taken with respect

1 to each application for a community school program grant submitted to  
2 him under this chapter.

3 Sec. 14.36.080. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a  
4 school district, the department shall provide technical assistance to  
5 a school district in developing and submitting an application for a  
6 community school program.

7 Sec. 14.36.090. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless the context  
8 requires otherwise

9 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

10 (2) "council" means the Alaska Community Education Advisory  
11 Council;

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

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

17 (5) "school district" includes the state-operated schools;

18 (6) "local attendance area" means an elementary or secondary  
19 school, or combination of these schools, which functions as a distinct  
20 administrative unit.

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