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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska community service
internship program; and providing for an effective
date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 10A. ALASKA COMMUNITY SERVICE

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

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Sec. 14.40.850. PURPOSE. There is established the Alaska community service internship program to assist undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions to gain practical experience toward vocational or professional objectives by establishing statewide standards for this program and by providing financial assistance for its administration.

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Sec. 14.40.855. ADMINISTRATION. The Alaska community service internship program shall be administered by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education in accordance with the provisions of secs. 850 - 875 of this chapter. The commission shall promulgate regulations for the selection of the interns, allocation of funds to postsecondary educational institutions and qualified employers, and publication of the names of participating employers.

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Sec. 14.40.860. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds appropriated for the program shall be allocated to postsecondary educational institutions in the state to reimburse qualified employers of students who are participating in the program if the postsecondary educational institu-

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1 tion grants those students academic credit for their participation in
2 a program involving both employment and academic study undertaken
3 simultaneously by a student under the direction of the institution's
4 instructional staff. The postsecondary educational institution receiv-
5 ing an allocation of funds under this section shall establish rules or
6 guidelines for the awarding of academic credit.

7 Sec. 14.40.865. ELIGIBILITY. Students enrolled in an accredited
8 postsecondary educational institution in the state are eligible to
9 participate in the program.

10 Sec. 14.40.870. PAYMENT TO STUDENTS. The student and the employer
11 shall be responsible for the terms of the student's employment agree-
12 ment. No student enrolled in the internship may be paid less than the
13 minimum wage established under AS 23.10.065. The commission may reim-
14 burse an employer of a student up to 50 per cent of the wages or salary
15 paid to the student if the employer is a government agency or a non-
16 profit or charitable organization.

17 Sec. 14.40.875. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 850 - 875 of this chapter

18 (1) "academic credit" means the unit that is awarded by a
19 particular postsecondary educational institution to its students to
20 indicate satisfaction of the institution's requirements for completion
21 of a course of study leading to graduation or the receipt of educational
22 credentials;

23 (2) "academic study" means a systematic program of reading,
24 written work, seminars, lectures, laboratory, tutorial or other instruc-
25 tion which is undertaken by a student under the supervision or direction
26 of the instructional staff of a postsecondary educational institution
27 and which is related to the student's employment as a community service
28 intern;

29 (3) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary

1 Education;

2 (4) "employed" means working for and receiving compensation
3 from an employer for at least 32 hours a week;

4 (5) "government agency" means an employer that is an agency
5 of the federal, state or local government;

6 (6) "internship" means a program of supervised practical
7 experience in which a student enrolled in a postsecondary educational
8 institution receives academic credit for participation in both employ-
9 ment and academic study related to that employment occurring simultan-
10 eously;

11 (7) "nonprofit or charitable organization" means an employer
12 no part of the income or profit of which is distributable to its mem-
13 bers, directors or officers or whose primary purpose is eleemosynary in
14 nature;

15 (8) "postsecondary educational institution" means an aca-
16 demic, vocational, technical, business, professional or other school,
17 college, or university, or other organization offering educational
18 credentials, or offering instruction or educational services primarily
19 to persons who have completed or terminated their secondary education or
20 who are beyond the age of compulsory high school attendance for attain-
21 ment of educational, professional or vocational objectives;

22 (9) "qualified employer" means a government agency or non-
23 profit or charitable organization.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.909(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (7) administer the provisions of AS 14.40.850 - 14.40.880
26 (community service internship program).

27 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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