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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 708

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

11 ARTICLE 10A. ALASKA COMMUNITY SERVICE

12 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

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

19 Sec. 14.40.855. ADMINISTRATION. The Alaska community service
20 internship program shall be administered by the Alaska Commission on
21 Postsecondary Education in accordance with the provisions of secs. 850 -
22 875 of this chapter. The commission shall promulgate regulations for
23 the selection of the interns, allocation of funds to postsecondary
24 educational institutions and publication of the names of participating
25 employers.

26 Sec. 14.40.860. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds appropriated for
27 the program shall be allocated to postsecondary educational institutions
28 in the state to match the amount paid by qualified employers of students
29 who are participating in the program if the postsecondary educational

1 institution grants those students academic credit for their partici-
2 pation in a program involving both employment and academic study under-
3 taken simultaneously by a student under the direction of the institu-
4 tion's instructional staff. The postsecondary educational institution
5 receiving an allocation of funds under this section shall establish
6 rules or 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 postsecondary institu-
11 tion, the student and the employer shall be responsible for the terms of
12 the student's work experience employment agreement. No student enrolled
13 in the internship may be paid less than the minimum wage established
14 under AS 23.10.065. The postsecondary educational institution may
15 reimburse an employer of a student up to 50 per cent of the wages or
16 salary paid to the student.

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

9 (6) "postsecondary educational institution" means an aca-
10 demic, vocational, technical, business, professional or other school,
11 college, or university, or other organization offering educational
12 credentials, or offering instruction or educational services primarily
13 to persons who have completed or terminated their secondary education or
14 who are beyond the age of compulsory high school attendance for attain-
15 ment of educational, professional or vocational objectives;

16 (7) "qualified employer" means the employer who in conjunc-
17 tion with the postsecondary institution furnishes the work experience
18 portion of the student's internship.

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

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

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