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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 899

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to student financial aid; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.776(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The executive secretary of the committee shall award a tuition
11 grant to a student in an amount up to the difference between (1) the
12 cost, in a city where there is both a four-year state university and a
13 four-year private university or in a city where there is both a two-year
14 state community college and a two-year private college, for the opera-
15 tion of the state institution on a full-time student per academic year
16 basis, and (2) the tuition or fees paid by the student at the state in-
17 stitution in those locations, but in no case may the amount exceed
18 \$1,850 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. Subject to the approval of the
19 committee and to the availability of appropriated funds, the executive
20 secretary may adjust the maximum grant based on a cost-of-living factor
21 comparable to that employed in making adjustments to the state employee
22 pay plan under AS 39.27.015. The tuition grant paid to a [FULL-TIME]
23 student may not be in an amount that would result in a student paying
24 less in tuition or fees at a private college or university than would be
25 required for a similar enrollment at the state institution in the same
26 city. The grant shall [IS TO] be applied by the student toward his
27 tuition at the private university or college in which he enrolls.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.781(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) The amount of the [MAXIMUM] tuition grant under sec. 776 of

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1 this chapter that may be awarded to a student who is also the recipient
2 of a federal grant for tuition is computed according to the formula G
3 equals P minus S minus F , in which

4 (1) G = the grant awarded [, WHICH IN NO CASE MAY EXCEED
5 \$1,850];

6 (2) P = the tuition and fees charged by the private college
7 or university in which the student is enrolled;

8 (3) S = the fee or tuition paid by a student at the state
9 institution in the same city where the private college or university is
10 located;

11 (4) F = the amount of any federal grant for tuition or fees
12 the student may receive.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.786(b) and (c) are amended to read:

14 (b) Before any funds for tuition grants are disbursed, the commis-
15 sioner of administration and the executive secretary of the committee
16 shall assure themselves that at least 55 [65] per cent of the annual
17 audited total operating revenues of a private university or college in
18 which students receiving tuition grants are enrolled is derived from the
19 sources of income other than tuition grants. Determination of the
20 required 55 [65] per cent revenue to be derived from sources of income
21 other than tuition grants shall be made by the commissioner and the
22 executive secretary as of May 1, based on the audit for the immediately
preceding fiscal year.

23 (c) No private university or college in which students receiving
24 tuition grants are enrolled may grant remission of tuition to any stu-
25 dent unless at least 55 [65] per cent of its annual audited total oper-
26 ating revenues is derived from sources of income other than tuition
27 grants. The 55 [65] per cent revenue required to be derived from
28 sources of income other than tuition grants shall apply as of May 1,
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1 based on the audit for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.791 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 14.40.791. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS. A student may apply for
4 a grant under sec. 776 of this chapter if

5 (1) he is a resident of Alaska, and

6 (2) he is either [(A)] accepted for admission, [AS A FULL-
7 TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENT IN AN ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE, OR GRADUATE
8 DEGREE PROGRAM;] or [(B)] enrolled, as a full-time or part-time student
9 [IN AN ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE OR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM].

10 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.796 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 14.40.796. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. Application for
12 tuition grants must be submitted to the executive secretary. The
13 application deadline for a school year shall be determined by the exe-
14 cutive secretary. The executive secretary may award grants only after
15 the institution of higher education has certified that the student has
16 enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of study [IN AN ASSOCIATE,
17 BACCALAUREATE OR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM]. The executive secretary
18 shall determine the appropriate formula for awarding tuition grants to
19 part-time students. He shall be guided by the provisions of sec. 776
20 of this chapter in making that determination: the difference between
21 (1) the cost of operation for the state institution per semester credit
22 hour and (2) the fee paid by the student at the state institution per
23 semester credit hour, but not to exceed an appropriate portion of \$1,850
24 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. The tuition grant paid to a part-time
25 student may not be in an amount that would result in a student paying
26 less in tuition or fees at a private college or university than would be
27 required for a similar enrollment at the state institution in the same
28 city.

29 * Sec. 6. AS 14.40.796 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (b) Tuition grants may be awarded to students who are enrolled in
2 a full-time or part-time course of study that is conducted by a private
3 college or university either off-campus or on the basis of the student's
4 full-time or part-time participation in field-based programs.

5 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.806(2), (3) and (4) are amended to read:

6 (2) "full-time student" means a student who is enrolled and
7 is in regular attendance at classes for at least eight [12] semester
8 hours of credit during the semester; any combination of eight [12] or
9 more semester hours of credit undertaken during a semester at two or
10 more public or private institutions of higher education operating
11 under a consortium constitutes full-time student status;

12 (3) "part-time student" means a student who is enrolled and
13 is in regular attendance at classes for at least three but less than
14 eight [TWELVE] semester hours of credit during the semester;

15 (4) "resident" means a person domiciled in Alaska who has
16 resided in Alaska for at least one year [TWO YEARS] before an applica-
17 tion for a grant or loan is made under secs. 751 - 806 of this chapter;

18 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
19 070(c).