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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 899

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 \$2,500 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 [\$1,850]. The tuition grant paid to a
23 [FULL-TIME] student may not be in an amount that would result in a
24 student paying less in tuition or fees at a private college or university
25 than would be required for a similar enrollment at the state institution
26 in the same city. The grant shall [IS TO] be applied by the student
27 toward his tuition at the private university or college in which he
28 enrolls.

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

1 (b) The amount of the [MAXIMUM] tuition grant under sec. 776 of
2 this chapter that may be awarded to a student who is also the recipient
3 of a federal grant for tuition is computed according to the formula G
4 equals P minus S minus F, in which

5 (1) G = the grant awarded [, WHICH IN NO CASE MAY EXCEED
6 \$1,850];

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

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

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

14 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.786(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Proceeds from grants may be used only for tuition at a college
16 or university in Alaska accredited by the Northwest Association of
17 Secondary and Higher Schools. Before payment of the grant is made, the
18 executive secretary shall obtain from each student to whom a grant has
19 been awarded a statement certified under oath and on penalty of perjury
20 that he will apply the grant toward his tuition at the private university
21 or college in which he enrolls. [IF PAYMENT IS MADE BY ISSUING A STATE
22 WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT, IT SHALL BE PAID TO THE ORDER,
23 JOINTLY, OF THE STUDENT AND THE PRIVATE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN WHICH
24 HE ENROLLS TO ENSURE THAT THE GRANT IS USED SOLELY FOR TUITION.]

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

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

- 28 (1) he is a resident of Alaska, and
29 (2) he is either

1 (A) accepted for admission, [AS A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME
2 STUDENT IN AN ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE, OR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM;]
3 or [(B)] enrolled, as a full-time or part-time student in an associ-
4 ate, baccalaureate or graduate degree program; or

5 (B) enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in
6 continuing education courses approved by the executive secretary.

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

8 Sec. 14.40.796. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION. Application for
9 tuition grants must be submitted to the executive secretary. The appli-
10 cation deadline for a school year shall be determined by the executive
11 secretary. The executive secretary may award grants only after the
12 institution of higher education has certified that the student has
13 enrolled in a full-time or part-time course of study in an associate,
14 baccalaureate or graduate degree program or enrolled in continuing
15 education courses. The executive secretary shall determine the appro-
16 priate formula for awarding tuition grants to part-time students. He
17 shall be guided by the provisions of sec. 776 of this chapter in making
18 that determination: the difference between (1) the cost of operation
19 for the state institution per semester credit hour and (2) the fee paid
20 by the student at the state institution per semester credit hour, but
21 not to exceed an appropriate portion of \$2,500 plus a cost-of-living
22 adjustment [\$1,850]. The tuition grant paid to a part-time student may
23 not be in an amount that would result in a student paying less in tuition
24 or fees at a private college or university than would be required for a
25 similar enrollment at the state institution in the same city.

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

27 (b) Tuition grants may be awarded to students who are enrolled in
28 a full-time or part-time course of study that is conducted by a private
29 college or university either off-campus or on the basis of the student's

1 full-time or part-time participation in field-based programs.

2 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.786(b), (c), (d), (f) and (g), AS 14.40.801 and 14.40.
3 806(7) are repealed.

4 * Sec. 8. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 14.40.917. CONSORTIA. All parties that are signatory to a
6 consortium agreement between the University of Alaska and a private
7 university or college must abide by a decision rendered by the commis-
8 sion when disagreements arise or exist between the parties. For pur-
9 poses of this section and sec. 909(b)(6) of this chapter, "consortium"
10 means a cooperative arrangement between two or more public or private
11 institutions of higher education specified in agreements or memoranda
12 of understanding to permit sharing of facilities, instructional oppor-
13 tunities, and other educational services in such a way that the in-
14 tegrity of each institution party to the consortium is preserved while
15 at the same time the institutions cooperatively plan the academic calen-
16 dar, scheduling, use of personnel and facilities, and educational pro-
17 grams and offerings to the maximum advantage of the students and facul-
18 ties of the institutions that are parties to a consortium.

19 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
20 070(c).