

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 352

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 is
12 an expression of the philosophy that the school, as the prime educa-
13 tional institution of the community, is most effective when it involves
14 the people of that community in a program designed to fulfill their
15 educational needs. The community school promotes a more efficient use
16 of school facilities through an extension of buildings and equipment
17 beyond the normal school day. The purpose of this chapter is to pro-
18 vide state leadership and financial support to encourage and assist
19 local school districts in the establishment of community schools.

20 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that

21 (1) a program of community school grants be established
22 to provide assistance to local communities in initial development and
23 implementation of community school programs; and

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

27 Sec. 14.36.020. CREATION OF ALASKA COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY
28 COUNCIL. (a) There is created within the Department of Education the
29 Alaska Community Education Advisory Council to encourage and supervise

1 the development of community education programs in local communities
2 throughout the state.

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

11 (c) The members shall be appointed by the state Board of Educa-
12 tion.

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 members.
19 The term of office for a chairperson is one year; however, a chairperson
20 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 understand-
28 ing among executive, legislative, professional, educational and lay
29 individuals and groups in the areas affected by community education

1 programs;

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

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

8 (4) provide the clearinghouse function for resources of all
9 kinds, linking people who want to help to those who have specific 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 pro-
14 gram grants under this chapter and make recommendations to the commis-
15 sioner 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 prepared professionally by training or experience in com-
2 munity education.

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

10 Sec. 14.36.060. GRANTS. A district operating an approved com-
11 munity school program may receive a first-year grant up to one-half of
12 one per cent of its public school foundation support, a second-year
13 grant of up to one per cent of that support, a third-year grant of up
14 to one and one-half per cent of that support, and a fourth-year grant
15 of up to two per cent of that support. The support provided shall be
16 in the proportion that the number of schools in each district that are
17 operated as community schools is to the total number of schools in the
18 district.

19 Sec. 14.36.070. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.
20 Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a local
21 attendance area may submit to the commissioner, through the school
22 district, an application for a community school grant. An application
23 shall include

24 (1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program,
25 including, but not limited to, before and after school hours activities
26 for both children and adults, continued education programs for children
27 and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activities for
28 citizens in the community;

29 (2) a provision for a community schools advisory council;

1 (3) provision for community school direction and coordination
2 to include personnel requirements;

3 (4) a statement as to the number of schools to be operated
4 as community schools;

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

7 Sec. 14.36.080. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commissioner
8 shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the initiator through
9 the district board for modification, an application for a community
10 school program grant. The commissioner shall also inform the council
11 of the action he has taken with respect to each application for a com-
12 munity school program grant submitted to him under this chapter.

13 Sec. 14.36.090. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a school
14 district, the department shall provide technical assistance to a
15 school district in developing and submitting an application for a com-
16 munity school program. The department may use its own staff or consul-
17 tants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

18 Sec. 14.36.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

19 (1) "board" means the governing body of a school district;

20 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

21 (3) "community school program" means the composite of those
22 educational, cultural, social and recreational services provided the
23 citizens of a community, except those services normally provided through
24 the regular instructional program;

25 (4) "council" means the Alaska Community Education Advisory
26 Council;

27 (5) "department" means the Department of Education;

28 (6) "district" means a school district or the state-operated
29 schools;

1 (7) "local attendance area" means an elementary or secondary
2 school, or combination of these schools, which functions as a distinct
3 administrative unit.

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