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2 HCS SENATE BILL NO. 690 (Fin.) am H

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the regional resource center areas and
7 boards; prescribing their organization, powers and
8 duties; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.08 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 2. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS, NETWORK.

12 Sec. 14.08.200. PURPOSE. In addition to the purposes set out in
13 sec. 141 of this chapter, the regional resource centers established
14 under sec. 210 of this chapter shall assist in

15 (1) providing equal educational opportunities for all
16 students in the state;

17 (2) meeting the needs of local school districts and regional
18 educational attendance areas by coordinating and conducting cooperative
19 programs and by providing educational services and consultants in many
20 phases of instruction and administration.

21 Sec. 14.08.210. CREATION; BOUNDARIES. (a) A regional resource
22 center board shall be created in each regional resource center area
23 established under (b) of this section.

24 (b) There shall be a regional resource center board for each of
25 the following regions, the boundaries of which shall be established by
26 the state Board of Education on recommendation of the commissioner of
27 education:

- 28 (1) Southcentral Alaska and the Aleutian Islands;
29 (2) Western Alaska;

- 1 (3) Northwest Alaska;
- 2 (4) Bristol Bay;
- 3 (5) Interior Alaska; and
- 4 (6) Southeast Alaska.

5 (c) Each school district and each regional educational attendance
6 area shall be included in a single regional resource center area.

7 Sec. 14.08.220. MEMBERSHIP; TERM OF OFFICE; VACANCIES. A regional
8 resource center board consists of representatives appointed by the pre-
9 siding officer of each school district or regional school board. Each
10 school district or regional educational attendance area shall have at
11 least one representative, but the maximum number of representatives
12 shall be established by the state Board of Education. A regional
13 resource center board member serves at the pleasure of the appointing
14 authority, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
15 appointment.

16 Sec. 14.08.230. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) A regional resource
17 center board shall

- 18 (1) comply with regulations promulgated by the department
19 for operation and management of the regional resource centers;
- 20 (2) adopt bylaws and regulations for its own operation as it
21 considers necessary or appropriate;
- 22 (3) establish cooperative service programs for school dis-
23 tricts and regional educational attendance areas in the regional
24 resource center area;
- 25 (4) approve the selection of regional resource center person-
26 nel;
- 27 (5) approve the budget for the regional resource center.

28 (b) A board may

- 29 (1) contract with school districts or regional educational

1 attendance areas in the regional resource center area and with other
2 regional resource centers or the Regional Resource Center Network Board
3 to carry out the board's duties under this section and sec. 141 of this
4 chapter;

5 (2) acquire by purchase, lease, gift or contract, manage and
6 dispose of real and personal property necessary for the operation of
7 the regional resource center and to carry out the board's duties under
8 this section and sec. 141 of this chapter; however, title to all real
9 or personal property remains in the state and no real property may be
10 acquired or alienated without the prior approval of the commissioner of
11 education;

12 (3) employ consultants, legal counsel or other temporary em-
13 ployees relating to any functions, duties and responsibilities of the
14 regional resource center.

15 Sec. 14.08.240. EMPLOYEES. Employees of the regional resource
16 centers are not subject to the state personnel Act (AS 39.25). However,
17 all employees shall be members of either the teachers retirement system
18 (AS 14.25) or the public employees retirement system (AS 39.25).

19 Sec. 14.08.250. FISCAL PROCEDURES. The fiscal procedures Act
20 (AS 37.05) does not apply to the regional resource centers.

21 Sec. 14.08.260. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK BOARD. There is
22 created in the Department of Education the Regional Resource Center
23 Network Board.

24 Sec. 14.08.270. MEMBERSHIP, TERM OF OFFICE, VACANCIES. The
25 Regional Resource Center Network Board consists of representatives
26 appointed by the presiding officer of each regional resource center
27 board and a representative of the Department of Education appointed by
28 the commissioner. Each regional resource center shall have at least
29 one representative but the maximum number of representatives shall be

1 established by the state Board of Education. A Regional Resource
2 Center Network Board member serves at the pleasure of the appointing
3 authority, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
4 appointment.

5 Sec. 14.08.280. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Regional Resource Center
6 Network Board shall

7 (1) comply with the regulations promulgated by the depart-
8 ment;

9 (2) establish cooperative service for regional resource
10 centers within the statewide network;

11 (3) meet regularly according to a schedule adopted by the
12 board at its organizational meeting, annually, and convene special
13 meetings upon the call of the chairman or a majority of the members of
14 the board.

15 Sec. 14.08.290. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (a) The Department of
16 Education shall

17 (1) promulgate regulations relating to the regional resource
18 centers and to the Regional Resource Center Network Board;

19 (2) require school districts, regional educational attendance
20 areas and regional resource centers to submit to the department, in the
21 form the department may require, the district, area or center budget or
22 any other information or reports which are necessary to assist the de-
23 partment in carrying out its responsibilities under secs. 141 and 200 -
24 290 of this chapter.

25 (b) The commissioner of education shall have general supervision
26 over all matters relating to the regional resource centers and the
27 regional resource network.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 14.08.141 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 14.08.141. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS. A regional education-

1 al attendance area or any other school district in the state shall
2 [MAY] participate in regional or statewide resource centers which shall
3 [MAY] be established by the department under secs. 200 - 290 of this
4 chapter. Services provided by a resource center include, but are not
5 limited to accounting, payroll and other fiscal services, media ser-
6 vices, instructional support services, bilingual-bicultural educational
7 services, in-service and staff development services, student services,
8 diagnostic services, school management and training services and school
9 board member training. Funds for the operation and administration of a
10 regional resource center shall be provided by the department.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 39.25.110(18) is amended to read:

12 (18) certified teachers and noncertified employees employed
13 by a regional educational attendance area established and organized
14 under AS 14.08.031 - 14.08.041 to teach in, administer or operate
15 schools under the operation, control and management of a regional
16 educational attendance areas and employees of the regional resource
17 centers established under AS 14.08.141 and 14.08.200 - 14.08.290 [AREA
18 SCHOOL BOARD].