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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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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."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 14.08.141 is repealed.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 14.12 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 3. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.

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Sec. 14.12.150. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. (a) The districts of  
14 the state public school system may join together to establish regional  
15 resource centers to provide the following services, including but not  
16 limited to, accounting, payroll and other fiscal, media, instructional  
17 support, bilingual-bicultural educational, inservice and staff develop-  
18 ment, student, diagnostic, school management and school board member  
19 training.

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(b) A regional resource center established under (a) of this sec-  
21 tion shall be governed by a board consisting of one representative from  
22 each participating district. The representative shall be appointed by  
23 the governing board of that district. The term of office of regional  
24 resource center board members shall be two years, beginning July 1 of  
25 each calendar year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as  
26 original appointment.

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(c) Regional resource center boundaries shall be established by  
28 the state Board of Education on recommendation of the commissioner of  
29 education in the following seven regions of the state: southcentral,

1 western, northwest, Bristol Bay, interior, southeast, and Kodiak and the  
2 Aleutian Islands. A district may not be included in more than one  
3 regional resource center area.

4 (d) Regional resource center boards may receive and expend both  
5 public and private funds to operate a regional resource center.

6 (e) Employees of the regional resource centers are not in the  
7 state service and are not subject to the State Personnel Act (AS 39.25).  
8 However, all regional resource center employees shall be members of  
9 either the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25) or the public employ-  
10 ees retirement system (AS 39.35).

11 Sec. 14.12.160. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER BOARD GRANT PROGRAM;  
12 ELIGIBILITY. (a) The Department of Education may make grants to  
13 regional resource center boards which qualify for the grants under the  
14 criteria set out in (b) of this section and regulations adopted by the  
15 department.

16 (b) To qualify for a grant under (a) of this section, a regional  
17 resource center board shall

- 18 (1) be organized under the provisions of sec. 150 of this  
19 chapter;
- 20 (2) adopt bylaws for its operation;
- 21 (3) provide the department with a plan of operation including  
22 but not limited to the following elements:
- 23 (A) the bylaws adopted for its operation;
- 24 (B) a list of participating districts, number of stu-  
25 dents and professional staff to be served;
- 26 (C) a schedule of funds available from federal, state,  
27 local and private sources;
- 28 (D) a description of the services and programs to be  
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(E) a description of the method by which these services and programs will be evaluated;

(F) other information that may be required by the department by regulation;

(4) comply with applicable regulations adopted by the department.

Sec. 14.12.170. REGULATIONS. The Department of Education may adopt regulations necessary to implement the provisions of secs. 150 - 170 of this chapter.

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

(18) certified teachers and noncertified employees employed by a regional educational attendance area established and organized under AS 14.08.031 - 14.08.041 to teach in, administer or operate schools under the operation, control and management of a regional educational attendance area [SCHOOL] board and employees of the regional resource centers established under AS 14.12.150 - 14.12.170.

\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.