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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 125

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Native education
7 administration internship program; and providing for
8 an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 10B. ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION
12 ADMINISTRATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

13 Sec. 14.40.880. PURPOSE. The legislature finds and declares that
14 the quality of education for Native American children can be improved by
15 training Native Americans as professional education administrators. The
16 involvement of Native peoples in the educational process of their
17 children is desirable and necessary. Developing a cadre of Native
18 American educators at all levels of instruction and administration will
19 build and maintain bridges between Native American homes, schools, and
20 the outside world. Because the majority of Alaska's school districts
21 are rural in nature, with a predominance of Native Americans among the
22 student population, they should be administered and staffed by a larger
23 percentage of Native Alaskans than at present. The establishment of
24 the regional educational attendance areas in the unorganized borough
25 under ch. 8 of this title recommends the development of an education
26 administration internship program designed to meet the needs of these
27 emerging units of public school administration.

28 Sec. 14.40.882. ESTABLISHMENT. There is established the Alaska
29 Native education administration internship program to assist in expand-

1 ing the number of Alaska Natives serving as education administrators
2 in the state, particularly in the rural school districts and regional
3 educational attendance areas of the state by enabling them to gain
4 practical experience toward professional objectives in education admin-
5 istration by establishing statewide standards for this program and by
6 providing financial assistance for its administration.

7 Sec. 14.40.884. ADMINISTRATION. The Alaska Native education
8 administration internship program shall be administered by the Alaska
9 Commission on Postsecondary Education in accordance with the provisions
10 of secs. 880 - 894 of this chapter. The commission shall promulgate
11 regulations to implement the program.

12 Sec. 14.40.886. POWERS. The commission may

13 (1) apply for, receive and administer grants from federal
14 agencies applicable to this internship program;

15 (2) accept and administer gifts, grants, bequests or funds
16 from other public or private sources for the administration of the
17 internship program;

18 (3) contract with federal, state or local agencies, or non-
19 profit corporations or associations, for the placement of education
20 administration interns.

21 Sec. 14.40.888. ELIGIBILITY. A student may apply for participa-
22 tion in the internship program if the student

23 (1) possesses a bachelor's degree in any field of study;

24 (2) is accepted for admission or enrolled as a full-time or
25 part-time student in a graduate program leading to a graduate degree or
26 educational credentials in education administration at an accredited
27 postsecondary educational institution;

28 (3) is a Native Alaskan and a resident of the state.

29 Sec. 14.40.890. FUND DISTRIBUTION; ACADEMIC CREDIT. The funds

1 appropriated or allocated for this program shall be allocated to post-
2 secondary educational institutions as tuition grants for students who
3 are participating in the program if the postsecondary educational in-
4 stitution grants those students academic credit for their participation
5 in an internship program involving both employment in education admin-
6 istration and academic study undertaken simultaneously by a student
7 under the direction of the institution's instructional staff. The post-
8 secondary educational institution receiving an allocation of funds under
9 this section shall establish rules or guidelines for the awarding of
10 academic credit.

11 Sec. 14.40.892. PAYMENT TO STUDENTS. The postsecondary institu-
12 tion, the student and the employer shall be responsible for the terms of
13 the student's work experience employment agreement. No student enrolled
14 in the internship program may be paid less than the minimum wage estab-
15 lished under AS 23.10.065. Gifts, grants, bequests or funds from other
16 public or private agencies shall be used to aid the student and his
17 family while the student participates in the program.

18 Sec. 14.40.894. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 880 - 894 of this chapter

19 (1) "academic credit" means the unit that is awarded by a
20 postsecondary educational institution to its students to indicate satis-
21 faction of the institution's requirements for completion of a course of
22 study leading to graduation or the receipt of educational credentials or
23 a graduate degree in the field of education administration;

24 (2) "academic study" means a systematic program of reading,
25 written work, seminars, lectures, laboratory, tutorial or other instruc-
26 tion which is undertaken by a student under the supervision or direction
27 of the instructional staff of a postsecondary educational institution
28 and which is related to the student's employment as an education admin-
29 istration intern;

1 (3) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
2 Education;

3 (4) "employed" means working for and receiving compensation
4 from an eligible employer in the field of education administration for
5 at least 32 hours a week;

6 (5) "internship" means a program of supervised practical
7 experience in which a student enrolled in a postsecondary educational
8 institution in the field of education administration receives academic
9 credit for participation in both employment and academic study related
10 to that employment occurring simultaneously;

11 (6) "Native Alaskan" means a person who

12 (A) is a descendant of a member of the aboriginal races
13 inhabiting the state when annexed to the United States, or who is a
14 descendant of an Indian, Aleut or Eskimo who, since the year 1867
15 and before July 1, 1952, migrated into the state from Canada; and

16 (B) is a descendant having at least one-quarter blood
17 derived from those ancestors;

18 (7) "postsecondary educational institution" means an ac-
19 credited academic, vocational, technical, professional or other school,
20 college or university, or other organization, offering educational
21 credentials or a graduate degree in education administration;

22 (8) "qualified employer" means the employer who in conjunc-
23 tion with the postsecondary educational institution furnishes the work
24 experience portion of the student's internship in education administra-
25 tion;

26 (9) "resident" means a person domiciled in Alaska who has
27 been in the state for at least two years before an application for par-
28 ticipation in the internship program is made under secs. 880 - 894 of
29 this chapter.

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.909(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(7) administer the provisions of secs. 880 - 894 of this
chapter (Alaska Native education administration internship program).

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.

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