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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 education administra-
7 tion internship program; and providing for an effective
8 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 EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION
12 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

13 Sec. 14.40.880. PURPOSE. The legislature finds and declares that
14 the quality of education in the state can be improved by training a wide
15 variety of persons, particularly from minority groups who are presently
16 underrepresented in the field of education administration, to be pro-
17 fessional education administrators. The involvement of such people in
18 the educational process of their children is desirable and necessary.
19 Developing a broadened cadre of educators at all levels of instruction
20 and administration will build and maintain bridges between different
21 races, minorities, and other cultural groups. Diversity of representa-
22 tion in this area is particularly important since the majority of
23 Alaska's school districts are rural in nature, with a predominance of
24 Native residents among the student population. These districts should
25 be administered and staffed by a larger percentage of Native Alaskans
26 than at present. The establishment of the regional educational atten-
27 dance areas in the unorganized borough under ch. 8 of this title recom-
28 mends the development of an education administration internship program
29 designed to meet the needs of these emerging units of public school

1 administration.

2 Sec. 14.40.882. ESTABLISHMENT. There is established the Alaska
3 education administration internship program to assist in expanding the
4 number of state citizens serving as education administrators in the
5 state, particularly in the rural school districts and regional educa-
6 tional attendance areas of the state by enabling them to gain practical
7 experience toward professional objectives in education administration by
8 establishing statewide standards for this program and by providing
9 financial assistance for its administration.

10 Sec. 14.40.884. ADMINISTRATION. The Alaska education administra-
11 tion internship program shall be administered by the Alaska Commission
12 on Postsecondary Education in accordance with the provisions of secs.
13 880 - 894 of this chapter. The commission shall promulgate regulations
14 to implement the program.

15 Sec. 14.40.886. POWERS. The commission may

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) is accepted for admission or enrolled as a full-time or
28 part-time student in a graduate program leading to a graduate degree or
29 educational credentials in education administration at an accredited

1 postsecondary educational institution;

2 (3) is a resident of the state.

3 Sec. 14.40.889. SELECTION CRITERIA. Applicants who are eligible
4 for the internship program shall be ranked after consideration of the
5 following criteria which relate to their ability to fulfill the purposes
6 of the program:

7 (1) length of residency in the state;

8 (2) length of residency in rural locations in the state;

9 (3) minority identification as it relates to minority repre-
10 sentation figures for state education administrators;

11 (4) previous education or work experience in rural areas;

12 (5) proficiency in a Native language or languages spoken in
13 the state.

14 Sec. 14.40.890. FUND DISTRIBUTION; ACADEMIC CREDIT. The funds
15 appropriated or allocated for this program shall be allocated to post-
16 secondary educational institutions as tuition grants for students who
17 are participating in the program if the postsecondary educational in-
18 stitution grants those students academic credit for their participation
19 in an internship program involving both employment in education admin-
20 istration and academic study undertaken simultaneously by a student
21 under the direction of the institution's instructional staff. The post-
22 secondary educational institution receiving an allocation of funds under
23 this section shall establish rules or guidelines for the awarding of
24 academic credit.

25 Sec. 14.40.892. PAYMENT TO STUDENTS. The postsecondary institu-
26 tion, the student and the employer shall be responsible for the terms of
27 the student's work experience employment agreement. No student enrolled
28 in the internship program may be paid less than the minimum wage estab-
29 lished under AS 23.10.065. Gifts, grants, bequests or funds from other

1 public or private agencies shall be used to aid the student and his
2 family while the student participates in the program.

3 Sec. 14.40.893. AGREEMENT TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE. As a
4 condition of accepting a grant under the internship program, a student
5 shall agree upon completion of his course of study and internship in the
6 program, to seek employment as a professional education administrator in
7 the state.

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

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

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

20 (3) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
21 Education;

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

25 (5) "internship" means a program of supervised practical
26 experience in which a student enrolled in a postsecondary educational
27 institution in the field of education administration receives academic
28 credit for participation in both employment and academic study related
29 to that employment occurring simultaneously;

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

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

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

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

12 (8) "qualified employer" means the employer who in conjunc-
13 tion with the postsecondary educational institution furnishes the work
14 experience portion of the student's internship in education administra-
15 tion;

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

20 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.909(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

21 (7) administer the provisions of secs. 880 - 894 of this
22 chapter (Alaska education administration internship program).

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