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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 minority 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) A student may apply for partici-
25 pation in the internship program if the student

26 (1) possesses a bachelor's degree in an appropriate field
27 of study, as determined by the commission;

28 (2) is accepted for admission or enrolled as a full-time or
29 part-time student in a graduate program leading to a graduate degree or

1 educational credentials in education administration at an accredited
2 postsecondary educational institution;

3 (3) is a resident of the state.

4 (b) No person may simultaneously receive a grant under the intern-
5 ship program and a student loan or grant under secs. 751 - 806 of this
6 chapter.

7 Sec. 14.40.889. SELECTION CRITERIA. Applicants who are eligible
8 for the internship program shall be ranked after consideration of the
9 following criteria which relate to their ability to fulfill the purposes
10 of the program:

11 (1) length of residency in the state;

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

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

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

16 (5) proficiency in a Native language or languages spoken in
17 the state.

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

29 Sec. 14.40.892. PAYMENT TO STUDENTS. The postsecondary

1 institution, the student and the employer shall be responsible for the
2 terms of the student's work experience employment agreement. No student
3 enrolled in the internship program may be paid less than the minimum
4 wage established under AS 23.10.065. Gifts, grants, bequests or funds
5 from other public or private agencies shall be used to aid the student
6 and his family while the student participates in the program.

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

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

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

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

24 (3) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
25 Education;

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

29 (5) "internship" means a program of supervised practical

1 experience in which a student enrolled in a postsecondary educational
2 institution in the field of education administration receives academic
3 credit for participation in both employment and academic study related
4 to that employment occurring simultaneously;

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

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

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

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

16 (8) "qualified employer" means the employer who in conjunc-
17 tion with the postsecondary educational institution furnishes the work
18 experience portion of the student's internship in education administra-
19 tion;

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

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

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

27 * Sec. 3. This Act expires July 1, 1982.

28 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.