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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 132 *AMS*
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 state educational incentive
7 grant program; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 13. ALASKA STATE EDUCATIONAL
11 INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

12 Sec. 14.40.930. PURPOSE; CREATION. There is established the
13 Alaska state educational incentive grant program to provide financial
14 assistance to eligible students with substantial financial need to
15 enable them to attend, or continue their attendance at, postsecondary
16 educational institutions. Funds appropriated for this program shall be
17 used as matching funds for the state's participation in the federal
18 state student incentive grant program (P.L. 92-318; 20 U.S.C. 1070c-c3).

19 Sec. 14.40.935. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The educational incentive
20 grant program established under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter shall be
21 administered by the executive secretary of the student financial aid
22 committee under secs. 753 and 757 of this chapter, subject to review by
23 the committee, and those regulations the committee may prescribe to
24 carry out the purposes of secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter.

25 (b) To the extent that they are not in conflict with the provi-
26 sions of secs. 930 - 935 of this chapter, the provisions of secs. 751 -
27 806 of this chapter relating to student financial aid are applicable to
28 the grants made under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter.

29 Sec. 14.40.940. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds appropriated

1 for the educational incentive grant program shall be allocated to eli-
2 gible students in accordance with the provisions of the federal state
3 student incentive grant program and regulations promulgated under secs.
4 757 and 935 of this chapter.

5 Sec. 14.40.945. ELIGIBILITY; PRIORITY. (a) A student may apply
6 for an educational incentive grant if he

7 (1) is a resident of Alaska;

8 (2) is either

9 (A) enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a
10 degree program in an accredited postsecondary educational institu-
11 tion; or

12 (B) a graduate of a high school in the state, or sched-
13 uled for graduation from a high school in the state within six
14 months with sufficient credits to be admitted to an accredited
15 postsecondary educational institution; and

16 (3) establishes substantial financial need.

17 (b) The committee shall, by regulation, establish a system of
18 priority in the selection of recipients of grants under secs. 930 - 960
19 of this chapter under which students from "low income" families or whose
20 incomes are considered "low income" shall be given preference in the
21 award of the educational incentive grants.

22 Sec. 14.40.950. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. (a) No grant made under
23 secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter may be in an amount less than \$100 nor
24 more than \$1,500 for each academic year.

25 (b) A grant awarded under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter may be
26 used by a student only at an accredited postsecondary educational insti-
27 tution.

28 Sec. 14.40.955. CONFIDENTIALITY OF APPLICATIONS, RECORDS. All
29 applications and records under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter are con-

1 fidential within the meaning of AS 09.25.120(4) and are not subject to
2 public inspection or copying. However, an applicant may inspect or copy
3 information from his own application, or records relating to his own
4 application.

5 Sec. 14.40.960. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter

6 (1) "expected family contribution" means the sum of amounts
7 which reasonably may be expected from the student and the student's
8 spouse to meet the student's cost of education and the amount which
9 reasonably may be expected to be made available to him by his parents
10 for this purpose;

11 (2) "resident" means a person who, except for brief inter-
12 vals, military service, attendance at an educational or training insti-
13 tution, or for absences for good cause shown, has resided in Alaska and
14 who has maintained his domicile in Alaska; domicile is the true and
15 permanent home of a person from which he has no present intention of
16 moving and to which he intends to return whenever he is away;

17 (3) "substantial financial need" means

18 (A) the student's expected family contribution to the
19 educational costs of the student is \$2,800 a year or less; or

20 (B) the student's, or when relevant, the student's
21 parents' net income is \$20,000 a year or less;

22 (4) "undergraduate" means a student who has not completed a
23 baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.909(b)(4) is amended to read:

25 (4) administer the provisions of secs. 751 - 845 and 930 -
26 960 of this chapter [AS 14.40.751 - 14.40.806] (student financial aid
27 program: scholarship loan, [AND] tuition grant, memorial scholarship
28 loan and educational incentive grant programs [PROGRAM]), and serve as
29 the student financial aid committee;

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

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