

Introduced: 2/16/77
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 224 (Fin.)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to postsecondary education; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.763(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The loans may only be used to attend a career education
11 program approved by the commission [DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION] or a
12 college or university accredited by the accreditation association for
13 the region in which the college or university is located.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.763(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) Loans are noninterest bearing while a student is enrolled
16 under (c) of this section or is receiving a deferment of payments
17 under (k)(2) - (4) of this section [FULFILLING REQUIRED MILITARY
18 SERVICE].

19 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.763(g) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

20 (g) The repayment period for student loans is 10 years. Unless
21 a deferment of payments has been granted under (k) of this section,
22 repayment shall commence when the student terminates his studies. In
23 case of hardship, the committee may extend repayment of a loan for an
24 additional period of up to five years.

25 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.763 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (k) The committee may defer repayment of a loan during any of
27 the following:

- 28 (1) the first year after a student terminates his studies;
29 (2) return by the student to student status as provided in

1 (c) of this section;

2 (3) performance by the student of required military or
3 alternative service; or

4 (4) 50 per cent or greater disability of the student, as
5 certified by competent medical authority.

6 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.806(1) is amended to read:

7 (1) "career education" means a course or program in vocational
8 technical training or education approved by the commission [DEPARTMENT
9 OF EDUCATION];

10 * Sec. 6. AS 14.40.806(2) is amended to read:

11 (2) "full-time student" means an undergraduate or career
12 education [A] student who is enrolled and is in regular attendance at
13 classes for at least 12 semester hours of credit or the equivalent
14 during the semester or a graduate student who is enrolled and is in
15 regular attendance at classes for at least nine semester hours of
16 credit or the equivalent; any combination of [12 OR MORE] semester
17 hours of credit, or the equivalent, aggregating to the requisite
18 number of semester hours and undertaken during a semester at two or
19 more public or private institutions of higher education operating
20 under a consortium constitutes full-time student status;

21 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.806(3) is amended to read:

22 (3) "part-time student" means a student who is enrolled and
23 is in regular attendance at classes for at least three but less than
24 the [TWELVE] semester hours of credit required for full-time student
25 status under (2) of this section during the semester;

* Sec. 8. AS 14.40.903(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (8) one person representing proprietary postsecondary
28 education in the state appointed by the governor.

29 * Sec. 9. The change in the repayment period of student loans set out

1 in AS 14.40.763(g) as amended by sec. 3 of this Act and the additional
2 bases for granting a deferment of repayment of a student loan set out in AS
3 14.40.763(k) as enacted by sec. 4 of this Act shall, upon request of the
4 loan recipient, be applied retroactively to the outstanding balance of
5 principal of and accrued interest on loans made under AS 14.40.751 -
6 14.40.806 as they read before the effective date of this Act.

7 * Sec. 10. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
8 10.070(c).

9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29