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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 973

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a state program for basic literacy
7 instruction."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 53. BASIC LITERACY INSTRUCTION.

11 Sec. 14.53.010. LITERACY PROGRAMS. (a) The department is autho-
12 rized to make grants or award contracts to private nonprofit organiza-
13 tions having the capacity to furnish basic literacy instruction to
14 individuals who are illiterate. No grant may be made or contract
15 awarded to a religious or other private educational institution.

16 (b) Grants made and contracts awarded under this section shall
17 contain provisions to assure that the instruction offered will include
18 individualized instruction or small group instruction utilizing trained
19 volunteers.

20 Sec. 14.53.020. LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING. The department shall
21 contract with private nonprofit organizations to provide leadership and
22 training activities for literacy instructors. The activities authorized
23 by this section shall include

24 (1) assessment of need for literacy instruction;

25 (2) leadership training for literacy program administrators
26 and volunteers;

27 (3) provision for technical assistance and dissemination of
28 information.

29 Sec. 14.53.030. LITERACY TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION. (a) The

1 department is authorized to make grants or award contracts to private
2 nonprofit agencies or organizations to provide the following services:

3 (1) the preparation, production, evaluation, and distribution
4 of instructional courses or programs for volunteers for the purpose of
5 improving their ability to teach reading;

6 (2) the preparation, production, evaluation and distribution
7 of instructional courses or programs for students; and

8 (3) the preparation and distribution of information and study
9 course material to be used in conjunction with a course or program.

10 (b) In carrying out the provisions of this section the department
11 shall consult with recognized authorities in the field of literacy
12 training and with agencies or organizations participating in projects
13 under this chapter. No grant available under this section may be made
14 to a religious or other private educational institution.

15 Sec. 14.53.040. FUND CREATED. There is created in the Department
16 of Education the literacy instruction education fund. From legislative
17 appropriations to the fund, the department shall make grants or provide
18 consideration for contracts awarded to eligible recipients for the
19 purpose of obtaining services, instructional materials, and courses
20 under this chapter.