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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 363

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a state program for individualized
7 reading 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. READING INSTRUCTION EDUCATION.

11 Sec. 14.53.010. LITERACY PROGRAMS. (a) The department is autho-
12 rized to make grants or award contracts to individuals and public or
13 private nonprofit organizations having the capacity to furnish reading
14 assistance and instruction to individuals who do not otherwise receive
15 that assistance and instruction. No grant may be made or contract
16 awarded to a religious or other private educational institution.

17 (b) Grants made and contracts awarded under this section shall
18 contain provisions to assure that the reading assistance and instruction
19 offered will include individualized instruction or small group instruc-
20 tion to participants, utilizing trained volunteers.

21 Sec. 14.53.020. LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING. The department shall
22 contract with public or private nonprofit organizations to provide
23 leadership and training activities to prepare personnel in the state to
24 conduct projects effective in overcoming reading deficiencies suffered
25 by persons of any age. The activities authorized by this section shall
26 include

27 (1) assessment of need, including personnel and training
28 needs, relating to literacy problems in the state;

29 (2) leadership training for local reading program administra-

1 tors and instructional personnel, including volunteers;

2 (3) provision for technical assistance and dissemination of
3 information to local school districts and other appropriate nonprofit
4 agencies.

5 Sec. 14.53.030. LITERACY TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION. (a) The
6 department is authorized to make grants or award contracts to public or
7 private nonprofit agencies or organizations, and individuals to provide
8 the following services:

9 (1) the preparation, production, evaluation, and distribution
10 of audio or video instructional courses or programs for educators and
11 volunteers for the purpose of improving their ability to teach reading
12 to persons of any age;

13 (2) the preparation, production, evaluation and distribution
14 of audio or video instructional courses or programs for students for the
15 purpose of providing instruction to eliminate reading deficiencies in a
16 person of any age;

17 (3) the preparation and distribution of information and study
18 course material to be used in conjunction with a course or program; and

19 (4) distribution of reading training audio or video courses
20 or programs through any means of public telecommunications, including
21 satellite transmission, as well as distribution of program cassettes.

22 (b) In carrying out the provisions of this section the department
23 shall consult with recognized authorities in the field of reading,
24 communications specialists, and agencies or organizations participating
25 in projects under this chapter. No grant available under this section
26 may be made to a religious or other private educational institution.

27 Sec. 14.53.040. FUND CREATED. There is created in the Department
28 of Education the reading instruction education fund. From legislative
29 appropriations to the fund, the department shall make grants or provide

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consideration for contracts awarded to eligible recipients for the purpose of obtaining services, instructional materials and courses under this chapter.

Sec. 14.53.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter "department" means the Department of Education.