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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 163

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to interschool activities; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The legislature finds that the establishment,
10 promotion and governance of interscholastic athletic activities and other
11 interschool contests and programs can best be accomplished by the schools in
12 the state through self-organization and control and with a minimum of state
13 supervision and involvement and that accomplishment of these goals is a valid
14 public purpose. The legislature further finds that, because of the rela-
15 tively small number of schools in the state and the high costs associated
16 with coordinating, on a statewide basis, various interschool activities, the
17 establishment, promotion and governance of interscholastic activities cannot
18 be carried out in an efficient and adequate manner without the provision of
19 some financial assistance from the state.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 14.12 is amended by adding new sections to read:

21 ARTICLE 4. INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

22 Sec. 14.12.200. VOLUNTARY INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION. (a)
23 School districts, on behalf of one or more of their schools, and private
24 schools in the state may join together to establish a voluntary associa-
25 tion to provide for the efficient governing, promotion and control of
26 interscholastic athletic activities and other interschool contests or
27 programs recognized by the association.

28 (b) School districts joining the voluntary association established
29 under (a) of this section may expend school funds for the support of the

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association.

(c) The association established under (a) of this section is not a state agency, nor is it a school district or other political subdivision of the state. However, employees of the association may participate in the public employees' retirement system (AS 39.35) or, if the employee possesses or is eligible to possess a teacher certificate under AS 14.20.020, the teacher's retirement system (AS 14.25).

Sec. 14.12.210. INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES GRANTS. The commissioner of education may make grants to an association established under AS 14.12.200 from funds appropriated for that purpose if the association

(1) has adopted a constitution and bylaws for the governance, operation, regulation and supervision of interschool activities which treat the regions of the state and students in member schools on an equitable basis and in the best interests of the entire state;

(2) has a governing body whose membership is elected and is representative of the member schools in the various regions of the state;

(3) has adopted a reasonable operating budget for the period covered by the grant; and

(4) provides for an audit of the associations's use of its grant funds within four months of the close of the grant period.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.053 and 14.07.054 are repealed.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.