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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 709 (Finance) am(failed H)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 * Sec. 1. AS 14.40.763(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) Scholarship loans may not be made to a borrower [STUDENT]

11 (1) for more than four [FIVE] years of undergraduate study
12 unless the program of study requires more than four years attendance,
13 and in that case the loans may be made for not more than five years of
14 undergraduate study;

15 (2) for more than four [FIVE] years of graduate study unless
16 the program of study requires more than four years attendance, and in
17 that case the loans may be made for not more than five years of graduate
18 study;

19 (3) for more than a total of eight years of undergraduate and
20 graduate study.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.763(f) is amended to read:

22 (f) Interest on a loan given under AS 14.40.751 - 14.40.806 is at
23 the rate of six [FIVE] percent a year.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40.763(k)(2) is amended to read:

25 (2) serving a first enlistment period of up to four years on
26 active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States;

27 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40.765(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (4) is not delinquent or in default on a previously awarded
29 scholarship loan.

1 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.765(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) In addition to the requirements of (a) of this section, to
3 obtain a scholarship loan a person must have been a resident of the
4 state for at least two years at the time he applies for the loan. For
5 purposes of this subsection, a person qualifies as a resident of the
6 state if at the time he applies for the loan the person

7 (1) has been present in the state for at least two years [UN-
8 LESS HIS ABSENCE FROM THE STATE DURING ANY PART OF THE TWO YEARS WAS DUE
9 TO MILITARY SERVICE]; or

10 (2) is a person who is dependent on a parent or guardian for
11 his care, and the parent or guardian has been present in the state for
12 at least two years immediately before the date of the loan application;
13 or

14 (3) has been physically present in the state for at least two
15 years immediately before his absence from the state and his absence is
16 due solely to

17 (A) military service;

18 (B) attending a school as a full-time student; or

19 (C) full-time employment by the state or its congres-
20 sional delegation.

21 * Sec. 6. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 Sec. 14.40.766. APPLICATION. (a) An application for a scholar-
23 ship loan must be filed with the commission by

24 (1) July 15 for a semester beginning July 1 to October 31 of
25 that year;

26 (2) November 15 for a semester beginning November 1 of that
27 year to February 29 of the following year;

28 (3) March 15 for a semester beginning March 1 to June 30 of
29 that year.

1 (b) Affidavits from at least four residents other than the appli-
2 cant must be submitted with an application for a scholarship loan. Each
3 affidavit must state that the affiant knows that the applicant has been
4 physically present in the state for at least two years immediately
5 before the date the application is filed or was absent during any part
6 of the two years due to military service or attending the career educa-
7 tion program, college or university identified in the affidavit. Each
8 affidavit must bear a printed notice that a false statement made in it
9 is an offense punishable by law. For purposes of this subsection resi-
10 dents are individuals who have been physically present in the state for
11 at least two years immediately before the date the application for a
12 scholarship loan is filed.

13 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.767(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The selection committee shall grant loans based on total point
15 accumulations under this subsection with priority going to those appli-
16 cants with the highest point accumulations, except as provided in (b) of
17 this section [FOR LOAN APPLICATIONS COMPLETED BEFORE MAY 15 OF EACH
18 YEAR]. Points shall be awarded to applicants based upon student status
19 and continuous Alaskan residency, according to the following schedule:

20 (1) student status:

21 (A) continuing undergraduate and graduate students with
22 existing Alaska scholarship loans..... 4 points

23 (B) continuing undergraduate and graduate students with-
24 out existing Alaska scholarship loans..... 3 points

25 (C) freshmen..... 2 points

26 (D) new graduate students without existing Alaska
27 scholarship loans..... 1 point

28 (2) continuous Alaskan residency:

29 (A) students with continuous Alaskan residency of 10

years or more..... 3 points

(B) students with continuous Alaskan residency of at least 5 years and less than 10 years..... 2 points

(C) students with continuous Alaskan residency of more than 2 years and less than 5 years..... 1 point

(3) students attending Alaska colleges or universities 1 point

* Sec. 8. AS 14.40.767(b)(2) is repealed.

* Sec. 9. Section 7 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1983.

* Sec. 10. Sections 1 - 6 and 8 - 9 of this Act take effect July 1, 1982.

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