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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 877

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the scholarship grant program; and
7 providing 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 encouragement of
10 the maximum level of education of residents of the state serves a valid
11 public purpose. The state can only achieve its full economic and social
12 potential if every individual has an opportunity to contribute to the full
13 extent of his capabilities and only when financial barriers to his economic,
14 social, and educational goals are removed. It is the purpose of the scholar-
15 ship grant program to reduce the financial burden on students attending
16 public or private institutions of higher learning in the state.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 14. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

19 Sec. 14.40.962. ADMINISTRATION. The scholarship grant program is
20 established and shall be administered by the executive secretary of the
21 student financial aid committee (AS 14.40.753 - 14.40.757), subject to
22 review by the committee and to regulations adopted by the committee to
23 carry out the purpose of the program.

24 Sec. 14.40.963. ELIGIBILITY. (a) A student may apply for a
25 scholarship grant if he

26 (1) is a resident of Alaska; and

27 (2) is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an
28 undergraduate or graduate degree program of an accredited postsecondary
29 educational institution in the state.

1 (b) A student may continue to receive money from a scholarship
2 grant only while he is enrolled as a student in good standing in a
3 degree program of an accredited postsecondary educational institution in
4 the state.

5 (c) Enrollment in a degree program in theology, divinity, or
6 religious education does not satisfy the eligibility requirements under
7 (a)(2) or (b) of this section.

8 Sec. 14.40.964. APPLICATIONS. An application for a scholarship
9 grant shall be submitted to the executive secretary of the student
10 financial aid committee together with proof of enrollment in a degree
11 program, other than a program in theology, divinity, or religious educa-
12 tion, of an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the
13 state.

14 Sec. 14.40.965. CONDITIONS OF GRANTS. (a) A student may not
15 receive money from the scholarship grant program for more than six
16 years. A student may not receive a grant of more than the amount of
17 tuition that the student is required to pay or \$1,900, whichever is
18 less, during a school year.

19 (b) A grant shall be paid directly to the student. Money from a
20 scholarship grant may be used only for books, school supplies, tuition,
21 required fees, and room and board.

22 Sec. 14.40.966. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED. The scholarship grant
23 program shall be carried out without regard to race, creed, sex, color,
24 ancestry, national origin, or membership in a fraternal or political
25 organization.

26 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.
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