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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 120 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to undergraduate and graduate scholar-
ship loans; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 14.40.759 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.40.759. UNDERGRADUATE LOANS. The committee may make a
loan, not to exceed \$6,000 [\$3,000] in any one school year, to an
undergraduate student eligible under AS 14.40.765.

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.761 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.40.761. GRADUATE LOANS. The committee may make a loan,
not to exceed \$7,000 [\$5,000] in any one school year, to a graduate
student who is eligible under AS 14.40.765 and is pursuing an advanced
degree.

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* Sec. 3. AS 14.40.763(d) is amended to read:

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(d) Scholarship loans may not be made to a student

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(1) for more than five years of undergraduate study;

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(2) for more than five years of graduate study; or

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(3) for more than a total of eight [SIX] years of under-
graduate and graduate study.

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* Sec. 4. AS 14.40.763(g) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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(g) Unless the commission and the student agree to a different
repayment schedule, repayment of the principal and interest on the loan
begins no earlier than nine months nor later than one year after the
student terminates his studies. The loan shall provide for repayment
of the total amount owed in periodic installments in not less than five

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1 nor more than 10 years from the commencement of repayment, except as
2 provided in (k) and (m) of this section. If the commission and the
3 student agree to a different repayment schedule, the student shall
4 repay the loan in accordance with the agreement. A student may make
5 payments earlier than required by this subsection.

6 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40.763(i) is amended to read:

7 (i) If a loan is in default, the commission shall [MAY] notify
8 the borrower [STUDENT] that repayment of the remaining balance is
9 accelerated and due by sending the borrower [STUDENT] a notice by
10 registered or certified mail.

11 * Sec. 6. AS 14.40.763(j) is amended to read:

12 (j) A portion of a loan shall be paid on behalf of the borrower
13 by the state if, upon completion of the course of study for which the
14 loan was granted, the borrower resides in the state for [SPENDS] at
15 least three years [EMPLOYED IN THE STATE]. The portion of the loan
16 which shall be paid by the state shall be the following percentages of
17 the total loan received plus interest for up to a total of 50 [40]
18 percent of the total loan:

19 (1) two - three years residency, 10 percent;

20 (2) three - four years residency, an additional 10 percent;

21 (3) four - five years residency, an additional 10 percent;

22 (4) [OVER] five - six years residency, an additional 10

23 percent; and

24 (5) over six years residency, an additional 10 percent.

25 * Sec. 7. AS 14.40.763(m) is amended to read:

26 (m) In case of hardship, the committee may extend repayment of a
27 loan for an additional period of up to five years in increments no
28 longer than 12 [SIX] months each [, WITHIN THE 15-YEAR REQUIREMENT OF
29 (g) OF THIS SECTION].

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* Sec. 8. AS 14.40.763(n) is amended to read:

(n) Each year spent attending a college or university in Alaska qualifies as a year of [EMPLOYMENT AND] residency under (j) of this section, if the borrower resides no less than three years in Alaska after completion of the course for which the loan was granted, and has a total Alaskan residency of 10 years time.

* Sec. 9. AS 14.40.763 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(o) The provisions of (j) of this section do not apply to a loan to a borrower named in a complaint as a defendant in an action by the state or by the commission to secure payment of the unpaid balance of a loan made under AS 14.40.759 or 14.40.761.

* Sec. 10. The reenactment of AS 14.40.763(j) in sec. 6 of this Act (relating to state payment of a portion of a scholarship loan) applies to any student who has obtained a scholarship loan under AS 14.40.751 - 14.40.806 since July 1, 1971.

* Sec. 11. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.