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1 IN THE SENATE BY STIMSON, FISCHER, RODEY AND KELLY
2 SENATE BILL NO. 271

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a tuition waiver fund; and provid-
7 ing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. This Act is intended to reduce the financial
10 burden of attending Alaska institutions of higher learning. Waiver of
11 tuition under the structure created by this Act will encourage students to
12 successfully complete their postsecondary coursework.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 ARTICLE 14. TUITION WAIVER FUND.

15 Sec. 14.40.961. TUITION WAIVER FUND. (a) A tuition waiver fund
16 is established to reimburse eligible institutions for tuition waived
17 under the provisions of this section.

18 (b) The tuition waiver fund is administered by the executive
19 secretary of the student financial aid committee established under
20 AS 14.40.753 - 14.40.757, subject to review by the committee and to
21 those regulations the committee may adopt to implement AS 14.40.970 -
22 14.40.976.

23 (c) Subject to the limitations of (d) of this section, an eligible
24 institution may apply for and receive reimbursement from the tuition
25 waiver fund for tuition which the institution waives for a student who

26 (1) has successfully completed coursework in courses taken
27 at the institution during one full term;

28 (2) is enrolled for a subsequent consecutive term at the in-
29 stitution, excluding a summer term; and

1 (3) has registered to take a number of credit hours or
2 courses for which the tuition level is less than or equal to the tuition
3 level for the coursework which the student has successfully completed
4 during the preceding term.

5 (d) The amount of reimbursement for tuition waived in one term
6 may not exceed an amount equal to the tuition charged by the University
7 of Alaska for an equivalent period of enrollment.

8 (e) In this section

9 (1) "eligible institution" means a postsecondary educational
10 institution based in the state, which issues associate, baccalaureate,
11 or higher degrees, which is accredited by the regional accreditation
12 agency for Alaska, and which is authorized to operate in the state
13 under AS 14.48.070 or exempt from regulation under AS 14.48.030(b);

14 (2) "successfully completed" means completing an educational
15 course and receiving a passing grade and credit for the course; in the
16 case of a student enrolled for graduate credit, the term also includes
17 receiving a passing grade of "C" or its equivalent, or better;

18 (3) "summer term" means a term which starts and ends between
19 May 1 and September 30 of a calendar year;

20 (4) "term" means a division of a postsecondary academic year
21 and includes a quarter, a semester, or other academic year division
22 used by eligible institutions.

23 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.
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