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2 SENATE BILL NO. 310

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 the Alaska state scholarship  
7 program; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 ARTICLE 14. ALASKA STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

11 Sec. 14.40.961. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established  
12 the Alaska state scholarship program to recognize academic excellence  
13 and to provide financial assistance to eligible students to enable them  
14 to attend, or to continue to attend, postsecondary educational insti-  
15 tutions in the state.

16 (b) The program shall be administered by the Alaska Commission on  
17 Postsecondary Education. In administering the program, the commission  
18 shall

19 (1) prepare information concerning the program and distribute  
20 that information to the public;

21 (2) prescribe the form and procedures for application for a  
22 state scholarship;

23 (3) establish methods for the selection of recipients of  
24 state scholarships, using as standards

25 (A) the score of an applicant on a competitive examina-  
26 tion; and

27 (B) the scholastic averages of the applicant;

28 (4) award state scholarships.

29 (c) The commission shall annually award a number of state scholar-

1 ships to the most qualified applicants determined as follows:

2 (1) one scholarship shall be awarded for each high school in  
3 the state which has 20 or more graduates; and

4 (2) one additional scholarship for each high school with 100  
5 or more graduates.

6 (d) In awarding scholarships annually, the commission shall  
7 provide for the widest possible geographic distribution of scholarships  
8 consistent with the standards of (b) of this section.

9 (e) A resident of the state is eligible for a state scholarship  
10 if

11 (1) at the time he applies for a state scholarship he has  
12 been a resident of the state for at least two years; and

13 (2) he enrolls or is eligible to be admitted as a full-time  
14 undergraduate student in a postsecondary educational institution in the  
15 state.

16 (f) The commission shall award a state scholarship to an applicant  
17 who is eligible under (e) of this section. The state scholarship shall  
18 be awarded for an academic year and shall equal \$4,000.

19 (g) A state scholarship may be renewed for three academic years  
20 if the student

21 (1) applies to the commission for the renewal;

22 (2) is a full-time student during the academic year for  
23 which he receives a state scholarship at a postsecondary educational  
24 institution in the state; and

25 (3) maintains a scholastic average of at least 3.25.

26 (h) In addition to the number of scholarships to be awarded under  
27 (c) of this section, the commission may award a number of scholarships  
28 equal to the number required for renewal of scholarships under (g) of  
29 this section.

1 (i) A student may use a state scholarship for expenses of his  
2 education at the postsecondary educational institution for

- 3 (1) tuition and fees;  
4 (2) room and board;  
5 (3) transportation between his place of residence and the  
6 postsecondary educational institution;  
7 (4) books; and  
8 (5) personal expenses.

9 (j) In this section,

10 (1) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary  
11 Education (AS 14.40.903);

12 (2) "full-time student" means a student enrolled and in  
13 regular attendance at classes for at least 12 semester hours of credit,  
14 or its equivalent, during a semester or term;

15 (3) "program" means the Alaska state scholarship program;

16 (4) "undergraduate" means a student who has not been awarded  
17 a baccalaureate degree.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.40.909(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

19 (7) administer the Alaska state scholarship program (AS 14.-  
20 40.961).

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