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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 515

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 an educational brokerage program."

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

8 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

9 (1) because of technological advances and job obsolescence, the
10 average resident of the state will change jobs or retrain for other work
11 four times during his employment career;

12 (2) transition from general education to occupational education
13 is required by 6,000 Alaskans completing general education programs each
14 year;

15 (3) the education of many Alaskans has been interrupted by the
16 responsibilities of early parenthood, economic and social pressures, and low
17 achievement in early education;

18 (4) language is a barrier to the education of approximately
19 20,000 Alaskans whose primary language is not English.

20 (b) The purpose of an educational brokerage program is to serve adults
21 in educational or occupational transition by

22 (1) coordinating educational and career development resources and
23 distributing educational and career information at local community sites
24 throughout the state;

25 (2) using existing programs and publications to develop public
26 awareness of educational and financial aid opportunities; and

27 (3) providing educational brokers to supply education and
28 financial aid information, referral, counseling, career assessment, and
29 client advocacy services to adults in educational and occupational transi-

1 tion.

2 * Sec. 2. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

3 CHAPTER 34. ADULT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

4 Sec. 14.34.100. EDUCATIONAL BROKERAGE PROGRAM. (a) The educa-
5 tional brokerage program is established in the Department of Education,
6 office of adult and continuing education.

7 (b) To administer the educational brokerage program the department
8 shall

9 (1) manage grants and other money appropriated to the
10 program, to insure that the program provides

11 (A) information about local and statewide educational
12 and financial aid opportunities for adults;

13 (B) career assessment, testing, and planning services
14 for adults;

15 (C) counseling and referral services for adults in
16 cooperation with agencies which provide adult education and career
17 planning services;

18 (D) employment seeking and career development skills
19 for adults;

20 (E) services for adults beginning new careers or making
21 a transition between careers;

22 (2) employ necessary staff to carry out the program; and

23 (3) adopt regulations and policies to carry out the provi-
24 sions of this section.

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