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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 260

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the administration of the Univer-
7 sity of Alaska."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40.170(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
10 read:

11 (7) derive and use a formula funding process for requesting
12 and allocating money from the general fund based on full-time equiva-
13 lent students and the regional cost-of-living differentials between
14 geographic service areas which is used by the state for other state
15 employees.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40.190 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 14.40.190. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The Board of Regents
18 shall make a written report to the legislature at the beginning of its
19 regular sessions of the following:

20 (1) the condition of the university property,

21 (2) [OF] all receipts and expenditures, including but not
22 limited to the administration and disposition of appropriated and
23 restricted funds,

24 (3) [AND OF] the educational and other work performed,

25 (4) the number of credit hours generated by and the full-
26 time equivalent number of students served by each administrative unit,
27 and

28 (5) the total earnings reported for federal income tax
29 purposes, job description and title, highest academic degree, major

1 publications and major published research, and the total number of
2 years of full-time teaching experience since the degree was awarded
3 for each teacher, faculty member, and holder of academic rank.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 14.40.172. BUDGET. (a) University budget requests shall
6 be made separately by administrative units which conform to geographic
7 service areas. The board shall establish at least three geographic
8 service areas for the university and two for the community colleges.

9 (b) The cost of services shared by administrative units shall be
10 paid out of the budgets of the units using those services.

11 (c) An administrative unit may decline to use shared services or
12 have joint payments made on its behalf and instead use its share of
13 the funds allocated for those services to obtain services independent
14 of other administrative units.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 14.40.235. TENURE AND SALARY. (a) The board may not
17 approve a pay scale for which the ratio between the compensation for
18 university faculty and community college faculty varies from the ratio
19 between national averages as last reported by the United States gov-
20 ernment or, if those averages have not been reported, the national
21 averages as last reported by the American Association of University
22 Professors. A teacher or faculty member may not be paid a salary
23 which is more than 45 percent greater than the national average for a
24 comparable position as last reported by the United States government
25 or, if that average has not been reported, the national average as
26 last reported by the American Association of University Professors.

27 (b) Pay increases given to teachers or faculty members for
28 degrees and courses which they have completed may only apply to de-
29 grees and courses in the same academic discipline taught by the

1 faculty member.

2 (c) Tenure as a teacher or faculty member may not be granted to
3 or retained by an employee of the university who does not produce
4 student credit hours equivalent to six or more full-time equivalent
5 students excluding research courses, readings courses, and thesis
6 supervision. Tenure may only be granted to or retained by an employee
7 of the university who teaches an average of at least one course per
8 semester. A tenured employee of the university who is employed for
9 more than two consecutive years without producing annual student
10 credit hours equivalent to six or more full-time equivalent students
11 excluding research courses, reading courses, and thesis supervision
12 automatically surrenders tenure. An employee of the university who
13 teaches less than two regular classes per semester may be paid no more
14 than the equivalent of nine months teaching salary for every eleven
15 months of full-time employment.

16 (d) The board shall establish a procedure to ensure that an
17 employee of the university whose tenure is denied or revoked under
18 this section is afforded reasonable notice of the denial or revocation
19 and the opportunity for a hearing.

20 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 14.40.265. COURSE CREDIT. Course credit may be granted and
22 administered only by the administrative unit responsible for the
23 geographic area in which the credit is earned.

24 * Sec. 6. AS 14.60.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (11) "major publications" and "major published research"
26 means publications that are published by a person other than the
27 author or the author's employer.