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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 287 (L&C)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to students' entitlement to unem-
7 ployment compensation credit and benefits."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 23.20.378(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) An insured worker is disqualified for waiting-week credit or
11 benefits for a week of unemployment while the insured worker is pursu-
12 ing an academic education [ATTENDS AN ESTABLISHED SCHOOL IN A COURSE
13 OF STUDY PROVIDING ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION OF 10 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS PER
14 WEEK, OR THE EQUIVALENT]. A disqualification under this subsection
15 begins with the first week of academic instruction and ends with the
16 week immediately before the first full week in which the insured
17 worker is no longer attending classes if the insured worker certifies
18 that the period of nonattendance will last at least 60 days. However,
19 an insured worker who was working at least 30 hours a week during a
20 significant portion of the time that the worker was pursuing an aca-
21 demical education is not disqualified for waiting-week credit or bene-
22 fits under this subsection if the insured worker became unemployed
23 because the worker was laid off or the worker's job was eliminated.

24 In this subsection,

25 (1) "pursuing an academic education" means attending an
26 established school in a course of study providing academic instruction
27 of 10 or more credit hours per week, or the equivalent;

28 (2) [THE TERM] "school" includes primary schools, secondary
29 schools, and institutions of higher education.