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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 287 (Finance)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 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 has been pursuing an academic education for at  
20 least one school term and who was working at least 30 hours a week  
21 during a significant portion of the time that the worker was pursuing  
22 an academic education is not disqualified for waiting-week credit or  
23 benefits under this subsection if the worker's academic schedule does  
24 not conflict with the normal full-time work hours of the worker's  
25 occupation and if the insured worker became unemployed because the  
26 worker was laid off or the worker's job was eliminated. In this  
27 subsection,

28 (1) "pursuing an academic education" means attending an  
29 established school in a course of study providing academic instruction

1 of 10 or more credit hours per week, or the equivalent;

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