

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 271

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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 historic and community schools."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 14.36.010 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 14.36.010. PURPOSE, INTENT. (a) The community school is
10 an expression of the philosophy that the school, as the prime educa-
11 tional institution of the community, is most effective when it in-
12 volves the people of that community in a program designed to fulfill
13 their educational needs. The community school promotes a more effi-
14 cient use of school facilities through an extension of buildings and
15 equipment beyond the normal school day. There are also many school
16 buildings in the state that have historic significance and deserve to
17 be identified, recognized, and preserved. The preservation of these
18 schools serves the public and encourages neighborhood vitality in
19 areas of historic, educational, and tourist interest. The purpose of
20 this chapter is to provide state leadership and financial support to
21 encourage and assist local school districts in the establishment of
22 community schools and the preservation of historic schools.

23 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that

24 (1) a program of community and historic school grants be
25 established to provide assistance to local communities in the initial
26 development, implementation, and operation of community school pro-
27 grams and the renovation and repair of historic schools:

28 (2) technical assistance, monitoring, training, and coor-
29 dination of statewide efforts to develop and operate community school

1 programs and to preserve historic schools be provided by the depart-
2 ment;

3 (3) the community and historic school program will become
4 fully operational once a plan of operation has been approved by the
5 commissioner; and

6 (4) evaluation of the approved plan of operation for a
7 community and historic school program shall be conducted by the de-
8 partment in cooperation with the school district at least once every
9 four years; a report of the community and historic school programs
10 evaluated in the preceding year shall be presented by the commissioner
11 to the legislature before the 15th day of each regular session of the
12 legislature.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.36.020 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 14.36.020. COMMUNITY AND HISTORIC SCHOOLS GRANT FUND CRE-
15 ATED; LIMITATIONS ON USE. There is created a community and historic
16 schools grant fund as an account in the general fund. The fund shall
17 be used to make community and historic school grants to local atten-
18 dance areas or school districts under this chapter. Legislative
19 appropriations for community and historic school grants shall be
20 deposited in this fund. Community school grants may be used for
21 planning, training, and operations. Historic school grants may be
22 used for renovation and repair of historic schools.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 14.36.030 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 14.36.030. GRANTS FROM THE STATE. (a) A district operat-
25 ing a community school program under an approved plan of operation or
26 a historic school may receive an annual grant from the state of one-
27 half of one percent of its public school foundation support or \$10,000
28 [, WHICHEVER IS GREATER].

29 (b) For each fiscal year [BEGINNING AFTER JUNE 30, 1980,] a

1 district operating an approved community school program or a historic
2 school under (a) of this section may receive a further grant from the
3 state equal to the amount allocated by the district to the support of
4 the community school program or the historic school from sources other
5 than the grant provided under (a) of this section. The additional
6 grant under this subsection may not exceed the amount received under
7 (a) of this section.

8 (c) The support of a community school program or a historic
9 school by a district under (b) of this section may be in cash or in
10 kind. Cash support may be derived from any source the district con-
11 siders appropriate. In kind support by a district is limited to
12 support for purposes which benefit only the community school program
13 or the historic school. Cash and in kind support of the community
14 school program or the historic school by a district shall be itemized
15 in the community education or other appropriate section of the dis-
16 trict budget.

17 * Sec. 4. AS 14.36.040 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 14.36.040. COMMUNITY AND HISTORIC SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICA-
19 TION FOR GRANTS. Under regulations adopted by the board of education,
20 a district may submit to the commissioner an application for a commu-
21 nity or historic school grant. A grant may be used for only one
22 historic school in a community. An application shall include

23 (1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program,
24 including, but not limited to, before and after school hours activ-
25 ities for both children and adults, continued education programs for
26 children and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activ-
27 ities for citizens in the community;

28 (2) a provision for a community schools advisory council;

29 (3) provision for community school direction and

1 coordination to include personnel requirements;

2 (4) an assurance that the community school program will be
3 reasonably available to residents of all communities within the dis-
4 trict;

5 (5) all information relevant to the renovation and repair
6 of a historic school.

7 * Sec. 5. AS 14.36.050 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 14.36.050. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commis-
9 sioner shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the district
10 for modification, an application for a community or historic school
11 program grant.

12 * Sec. 6. AS 14.36.060 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 14.36.060. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a
14 school district, the department shall provide technical assistance to
15 a school district in developing and submitting an application for a
16 community or historic school program. The department may use its own
17 staff or consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

18 * Sec. 7. AS 14.36.070 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 14.36.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

20 (1) "board" means the governing body of a school district;

21 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

22 (3) "community school program" means the composite of those
23 educational, cultural, social, and recreational services provided the
24 citizens of a community, except those services normally provided
25 through the regular instructional program;

26 (4) "department" means the Department of Education;

27 (5) "district" means a district of the state public school
28 system as defined in AS 14.12.010;

29 (6) "historic school" means a school that was built before

- 1 Alaska statehood and has historic public education significance in the
- 2 community in which the school is located [REPEALED].