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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 497

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a master teacher program at state
7 colleges and universities."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.40.095. MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM. (a) The teacher educa-
11 tion programs at the University of Alaska Southeast, the University of
12 Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the Prince
13 William Sound Community College may participate in the master teacher
14 program. The purpose of the master teacher program is to bring
15 skilled, experienced teachers to the university to work with student
16 teachers who are enrolled in teacher education programs.

17 (b) Under the master teacher program, a university or college
18 shall choose which school district to invite to participate in the
19 program and may choose whether it wishes teachers with experience in
20 teaching students in grade levels K - 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 8, or 9 - 12.

21 (c) A school district invited to participate in the program
22 shall notify the teachers in the district of the opportunity offered
23 by the university or college. The district shall ask for letters of
24 interest from all the teachers in the district who are interested in
25 participating in the program. To be considered, a teacher must have
26 had at least five years teaching at the indicated school level within
27 the past 10 years.

28 (d) A committee of three teachers, one local administrator, and
29 one representative from the University of Alaska shall review the

1 letters of interest and select the master teacher. The teacher
2 members of the committee shall be appointed by the bargaining orga-
3 nization representing teachers in the school district.

4 (e) The university or college participating in the master
5 teacher program shall enter into a participation agreement with the
6 master teacher selected for the program. An appointment to the master
7 teacher program begins on the date set out in the agreement and lasts
8 for one year.

9 (f) The university or college in which the master teacher is
10 serving shall reimburse the school district from which the teacher
11 comes for all costs of the teacher's compensation during the time the
12 teacher is participating in the master teacher program.

13 (g) Unless it is otherwise agreed, a teacher returning to a
14 school district from the master teacher program shall return to the
15 position occupied by that teacher when the teacher's participation in
16 the master teacher program began.

17 (h) Participation in the master teacher program is not an inter-
18 ruption of the continuous service necessary to attain or retain tenure
19 under AS 14.20.150, 14.20.155, or 14.20.160, and is not a break in
20 service for retirement purposes. However, the time spent in the
21 program may not be counted in determining when a teacher has suffi-
22 cient service to enable the teacher to acquire tenure rights.

23 (i) The Board of Regents may adopt rules to implement this
24 section.

25 (j) In this section

26 (1) "school district" means a municipal school district or
27 a regional educational attendance area;

28 (2) "university or college" includes the University of
29 Alaska Southeast, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska

1 Fairbanks, and Prince William Sound Community College.