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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 497 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 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 a state university or college may participate in the
12 master teacher program. The purpose of the master teacher program is
13 to bring skilled, experienced teachers to the university or college to
14 work with student teachers who are enrolled in teacher education
15 programs.

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

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

27 (d) A committee of three local teachers, one local administra-
28 tor, and one representative from the state university or college shall
29 review the letters of interest and letters of recommendation,

1 interview candidates, 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 may accept the teacher selected by a school district
6 and shall enter into a participation agreement with a master teacher
7 accepted for the program. An appointment to the master teacher pro-
8 gram begins on the date set out in the agreement and lasts for one
9 year. The university or college shall grant the teacher appropriate
10 academic standing.

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

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

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

25 (i) The Board of Regents may adopt rules to implement this
26 section.

27 (j) In this section

28 (1) "school district" means a municipal school district or
29 a regional educational attendance area;

1 (2) "university or college" means the University of Alaska
2 Southeast, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska
3 Fairbanks, and Prince William Sound Community College.

4 * Sec. 2. Each university or college that participates in the master
5 teacher program established by this Act shall report to the legislature by
6 February 15, 1993, on the merits of the program.