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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 497 (HESS) am
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 may,
21 by action of the school board, agree to participate. If the district
22 agrees to participate, it shall notify the teachers in the district of
23 the opportunity offered by the university or college. The district
24 shall ask for letters of interest and letters of recommendation from
25 the teachers in the district. To be considered, a teacher must have
26 had at least five years of teaching experience at the indicated school
27 level within the past 10 years.
28 (d) A committee of three local teachers, one local administra-
29 tor, and one representative from the state university or college shall

1 review the letters of interest and letters of recommendation, inter-
2 view candidates, and select the master teacher. The teacher members
3 of the committee shall be appointed by the bargaining organization
4 representing teachers in the school district.

5 (e) The university or college participating in the master teach-
6 er program may accept the teacher selected by a school district and
7 shall enter into a participation agreement with the school district
8 and the master teacher accepted for the program. An appointment to
9 the master teacher program begins on the date set out in the agreement
10 and lasts for one year. The university or college shall grant the
11 teacher appropriate academic standing.

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

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

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

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

28 (j) A school district may adopt regulations and policies to
29 implement this section.

1 (k) In this section

2 (1) "school district" means a municipal school district or
3 a regional educational attendance area;

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

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