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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 501 (Finance)

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 Alaska high school achievement
7 scholarships; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.43 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 8A. ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

11 Sec. 14.43.810. PURPOSE AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS. (a) There
12 is created the Alaska high school achievement scholarship program to
13 assist students across the state who have made significant achieve-
14 ments in high school in academic, athletic, and creative endeavors to
15 meet the costs of a college education. A scholarship awarded under
16 this program may be used to cover the costs of college books, tuition
17 and required fees, room and board, and transportation. A scholarship
18 may be used only while the recipient is attending a postsecondary
19 educational institution located within the state.

20 (b) Subject to appropriations for the purpose, a scholarship may
21 be up to \$4,000 for each academic year for a period of up to four
22 years.

23 Sec. 14.43.815. DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS. (a) Six Alaska
24 high school achievement scholarships shall be awarded each academic
25 year to graduating high school students in each election district of
26 the house of representatives, to be distributed as follows:

27 (1) one each to the male and female student achieving
28 highest academic honors in each district;

29 (2) one each to the male and female student achieving

1 highest athletic honors in Olympic sports or Arctic Winter Games in
2 each district; and

3 (3) one each to the male and female student achieving
4 highest creative honors in art, music, literature, drama, or other
5 creative endeavors in each district.

6 (b) The winners of the scholarships and the amounts shall be
7 determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education based
8 on the recommendations of the faculty of each high school in the
9 state.

10 Sec. 14.43.820. SCHOLARSHIPS IN ADDITION TO OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS.
11 An Alaska high school achievement scholarship is supplemental and in
12 addition to any other scholarship or loan that the recipient may re-
13 ceive.

14 Sec. 14.43.825. SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The Alaska high school
15 achievement scholarship fund is established in the Alaska Commission
16 on Postsecondary Education and consists of money appropriated for that
17 purpose. Money from the fund shall be used for scholarships awarded
18 under AS 14.43.810.

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.