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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 503

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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 establishing a youth volunteer scholarship
7 program."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 9. YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

11 Sec. 14.30.700. YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Office
12 of the Governor shall distribute two youth volunteer scholarships each
13 year. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$1,000. One of the
14 scholarships shall be given to a person from a rural area of the
15 state, and one scholarship shall be given to a person from an urban
16 area of the state. In this section,

17 (1) "rural" means an area

18 (A) in the second, third, or fourth judicial district
19 of the state that has a population of 4,500 or less and that is
20 not connected to Anchorage or Fairbanks by road system;

21 (B) in the first judicial district of the state with a
22 population of 4,500 or less;

23 (2) "urban" means an area that is not a rural area.

24 Sec. 14.30.705. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. A person is
25 eligible for a youth volunteer scholarship if

26 (1) the person is under 18 years of age;

27 (2) the person has demonstrated outstanding achievements as
28 a community service volunteer, and these achievements have been recog-
29 nized by a statewide or national entity; and

1 (3) the person's name has been submitted to the Office of
2 the Governor as a potential youth scholarship recipient.

3 Sec. 14.30.710. SELECTION PANEL. The governor shall appoint a
4 volunteer panel to select the recipients of the youth volunteer schol-
5 arships each year.

6 Sec. 14.30.715. PURPOSE AND USE OF SCHOLARSHIPS. (a) The
7 purpose of the youth volunteer scholarships is to recognize community
8 service volunteer efforts by young persons and to assist the scholar-
9 ship recipients to participate further in the community service
10 volunteer work by attending a statewide or national conference related
11 to the community service.

12 (b) The scholarship funds shall be used to pay for air transpor-
13 tation and other expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the
14 conference.