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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 363

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 free tuition for dependents of
7 low-income families and certain independent persons."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to article 3
10 to read:

11 Sec. 14.43.085. FREE TUITION AND FEES BASED ON LOW- INCOME. A
12 person enrolled as a student in good standing in the state university
13 system is entitled to attend without payment of tuition and fees if
14 the person is a dependent child of a low-income family or the person
15 is independent with low income. After completion of the first
16 semester or quarter, a student shall maintain at least a 2.5 grade
17 point average in order to qualify for free tuition and fees under this
18 section. In this section

19 (1) "dependent child" means a person who is claimed as an
20 exemption on their parent's or legal guardian's federal income tax
21 return;

22 (2) "independent" means a person who is not claimed as a
23 dependent on their parent's or legal guardian's federal income tax
24 return;

25 (3) "low-income" means income below the poverty line de-
26 fined by the federal Office of Management and Budget under 42 U.S.C.
27 9902(2).