

HOUSE BILL NO. 14
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to free tuition for certain high school graduates; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **ARTICLE 3A. FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

6 **Sec. 14.43.087. FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. (a)**

7 A person who is admitted as an undergraduate student in the state university system is entitled
8 to attend without payment of tuition if the person

9 (1) has resided in the state for at least two years;

10 (2) has graduated from a high school in the state within two years preceding the
11 date of admission with a grade point average of 2.5 or better, averaged over the three years spent
12 in high school;

13 (3) has a parent or legal guardian that resides in the state;

14 (4) has earned at least 21 units of credit before graduation from high school,

1 including at least four units of credit in language arts, three units of credit in social studies, two
2 units of credit in mathematics, two units of credit in science, and one unit of credit in health or
3 physical education;

4 (5) has a composite score on the American College Test of at least 18;

5 (6) has no criminal record;

6 (7) has applied for federal tuition grant funds; and

7 (8) is found to be in financial need as provided under (d) of this section.

8 (b) A person who meets at least two of the three requirements of (a)(2), (4), and (5) of
9 this section, and who fails to meet the third requirement by 10 percent or less, is entitled to
10 attend the state university system without payment of tuition as provided under (a) of this section.
11 The total number of students admitted under this subsection may not exceed 10 percent of the
12 total number of students admitted in the previous year under (a) of this section.

13 (c) A person shall meet the following conditions in order to maintain entitlement to
14 enrollment under this section:

15 (1) make steady academic progress toward a degree, earning not less than the
16 minimum number of hours of credit required for a full-time student in each academic period;

17 (2) maintain full-time student standing for not less than two semesters or three
18 academic quarters in an academic year;

19 (3) achieve academic rank in the upper 50 percent of the person's class;

20 (4) have no criminal record.

21 (d) A person is in financial need if, as verified by federal income tax returns, the
22 person's family has

23 (1) one child under the age of 21 who is not emancipated and the previous four
24 year's annual adjusted gross income of the family averages less than \$25,000;

25 (2) two children under the age of 21 who are not emancipated and the previous
26 four year's annual adjusted gross income of the family averages less than \$30,000; or

27 (3) three or more children under the age of 21 who are not emancipated and the
28 previous four year's annual adjusted gross income of the family averages less than \$35,000.

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