

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 14 (FINANCE)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/24/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BOYER, B.Davis

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 Subject to (b) of this section, a person who is admitted as an undergraduate student in the state
8 university system is entitled 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 four years spent
12 in high school;

13 (3) has earned at least 21 units of credit before graduation from high school,
14 including at least four units of credit in language arts, three units of credit in social studies, two

1 units of credit in mathematics, two units of credit in science, and one unit of credit in health or
2 physical education;

3 (4) has a composite score on the

4 (A) American College Test of at least 18;

5 (B) enhanced American College Test of at least 20; or

6 (C) Standardized Aptitude Test of at least 750;

7 (5) has submitted an application for federal student aid; and

8 (6) is found to be in financial need; in this paragraph, "financial need" means the
9 person is eligible for a Pell Grant (20 U.S.C. 1070a) as verified by a federal student aid
10 application.

11 (b) A person is entitled to attend without payment of tuition as provided under (a) of this
12 section only to the extent that adequate funds have been appropriated by the legislature to allow
13 the attendance.

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

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

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

20 (3) achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.

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