

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 127 (FINANCE)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/6/91
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELLIS, Koponen, Kubina, Mackie, Boyer

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Nick Begich memorial scholarship."**

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

3 *** Section 1. AS 14.43.250(b) is amended to read:**

4 (b) The purposes of the several memorial scholarship accounts in the memorial
5 scholarship revolving loan fund are as follows:

6 (1) the Michael Murphy memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Michael
7 Murphy, a member of the Alaska State Troopers, who, while on leave from that division, gave
8 his life for his adopted country in Vietnam on May 22, 1968;

9 (2) the Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory
10 of Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz, of Juneau, who was a student intern with the Criminal Justice
11 Planning Agency and the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice during the
12 summer months of 1972 and 1973 and whose accidental and untimely death in November 1973
13 [.] occurred while completing his undergraduate education at Yale University, thus never realizing
14 his educational goals or career objective;

1 (3) the Harvey Golub memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Harvey
2 Golub, of Juneau, who was chief engineer of the bridge design section of the Department of
3 Highways of the State of Alaska and whose accidental and untimely death September 13, 1971,
4 cut short a widely-respected career in civil engineering;

5 (4) the Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of
6 Robert L. Thomas, of Juneau, who as Deputy Commissioner of Education, and for 13 years as
7 a member of the professional staff of that department contributed significantly to the creation,
8 operation, and administration of a sound system of public education in Alaska and whose tragic
9 and untimely death March 12, 1974, terminated a distinguished career in education and public
10 administration that long will be exemplary for those who aspire to service in that profession;
11 [AND]

12 (5) the A.W. (Winn) Brindle memorial scholarship loan perpetuates the memory
13 of A.W. (Winn) Brindle, who was the president of the Wards Cove Packing Company and
14 Columbia-Wards Fisheries and whose death July 4, 1977, terminated a distinguished career
15 dedicated to the development of the Alaska seafood industry; and

16 (6) the Nick Begich memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Nick
17 Begich, teacher and school superintendent at Fort Richardson, father of the Alaska
18 kindergarten program, state senator, and member of the United States House of
19 Representatives, whose accidental and untimely death in October of 1972 cut short a
20 productive and distinguished career in education and public service.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 14.43.300(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) A scholarship loan to a recipient under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) may not
23 exceed \$2,500 a school year for an undergraduate student or \$5,000 a school year for a graduate
24 student, and may not be made to a student for more than six years. A scholarship loan to a
25 recipient under AS 14.43.250(b)(5) may not exceed the cost of tuition and required fees, books
26 and educational supplies, room and board, and transportation for two round trips between the
27 recipient's home and school each year. A loan under AS 14.43.250(b)(5) may not be made for
28 more than five years of undergraduate study, five years of graduate study, or a combined
29 maximum of eight years of study.

30 * Sec. 3. AS 14.43.300(b) is amended to read:

31 (b) A loan made under AS 14.43.250 - 14.43.325 may be used only as follows:

1 (1) a Michael Murphy memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a
2 degree program in an accredited college or university in law enforcement, law, probation and
3 parole, or penology, or closely related fields;

4 (2) a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan may be used only to
5 pursue a degree program in an accredited college or university in criminal law, criminology,
6 corrections, police science and administration, juvenile justice, or other fields closely related to
7 criminal justice;

8 (3) a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a
9 degree program in an accredited college or university in civil, mechanical, electrical, electronic,
10 petroleum, mining, traffic and transportation, sanitary, chemical, or other recognized field of
11 engineering;

12 (4) a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue
13 a degree program in an accredited college or university that will lead to a career in education or
14 public administration, or other closely related field; [AND]

15 (5) an A.W. (Winn) Brindle memorial scholarship loan may be used only to
16 pursue a certificate or degree program in an accredited school, college, or university in fisheries,
17 fishery science, fishery management, seafood processing, food technology, or other closely related
18 field; and

19 (6) a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a
20 degree program in an accredited college or university that will lead to a career in education,
21 public administration, government, or other closely related field.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 14.43.305(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) Memorial scholarship loans under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) shall be
24 noninterest-bearing and security for the loan may not be required. However, the note signed by
25 the recipient shall provide for the payment of attorney fees, costs of court, and skip-tracing fees
26 if any are incurred in collection of the unpaid amount owed on the loan.

27 * Sec. 5. AS 14.43.305(e) is amended to read:

28 (e) A recipient of a memorial scholarship loan under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) who
29 graduates from a degree program shall receive forgiveness of one-fifth of loan indebtedness for
30 each one-year period the recipient is employed full time in Alaska in

31 (1) law-enforcement or related fields, if a recipient of a Michael Murphy

1 memorial scholarship loan;

2 (2) criminal law, criminal justice, or other closely related fields, if a recipient of
3 a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan;

4 (3) a recognized branch of the engineering profession or other closely related
5 fields, if a recipient of a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan; [OR]

6 (4) education or public administration, or other closely related field, if a recipient
7 of a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan; or

8 (5) education, public administration, government, or other closely related
9 field, if a recipient of a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan.

10 * Sec. 6. AS 14.43.305(g) is amended to read:

11 (g) A recipient who does not qualify for forgiveness of all or a part of the loan made
12 under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) shall begin repayment of the unforgiven portion within six
13 months after leaving employment [,] or terminating studies [,] in

14 (1) law enforcement or related fields, if a recipient of a Michael Murphy
15 memorial scholarship loan;

16 (2) criminal law, criminal justice, or other closely related fields, if a recipient of
17 a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan;

18 (3) a recognized branch of the engineering profession or other closely related
19 fields, if a recipient of a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan; [OR]

20 (4) education or public administration, or other closely related field, if a recipient
21 of a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan; or

22 (5) education, public administration, government, or other closely related
23 field, if a recipient of a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan.

24 * Sec. 7. AS 14.43.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (d) In selecting from among eligible applicants for award of a memorial scholarship loan
26 under AS 14.43.250(b)(6), the administering authority shall give preference to applicants
27 nominated by the board members of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Inc.