

HOUSE BILL NO. 215

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/13/91

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act creating the Alaska school counseling program grant fund."**

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

3 *** Section 1. PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this Act to

4 (1) provide a comprehensive counseling program to public school students in grades K-
5 12;

6 (2) implement and expand the model school counseling program developed and piloted
7 by the Department of Education as a result of recommendations of the Governor's Interim Commission
8 on Children and Youth;

9 (3) create a fund for providing financial aid to school districts specifically for the purpose
10 of implementing and expanding the model Alaska School Counseling Program.

11 *** Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

12 (15) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.30.750.

13 *** Sec. 3.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 **ARTICLE 10. ALASKA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM GRANT FUND.**

1 **Sec. 14.30.750. ALASKA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM GRANT FUND. (a)**
2 **The Alaska school counseling program grant fund is established. The fund consists of legislative**
3 **appropriations and public or private donations made for the purpose of the fund.**

4 (b) The department may make grants from the fund to eligible districts in the public
5 school system for a counseling program in grades K-12. The department may not award

6 (1) more than \$50,000 to a school district in a single fiscal year;

7 (2) a grant to a school district under this section for more than three consecutive
8 fiscal years; or

9 (3) a grant to a school district that is greater than 80 percent of a grant awarded
10 to that district under this section in the preceding fiscal year.

11 (c) In this section,

12 (1) "counseling program" means personnel and materials, including professional
13 training in counseling program delivery, and in the use of counseling materials;

14 (2) "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.