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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

2/16/82

FURTHER: FINANCE

Date: _____

Mr. President:

The Committee on HESS has had SB 881

providing free tuition and fees for certain veterans and dependents of certain veterans of the armed forces of the United States

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

Introduced: 2/16/82
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY BRADLEY, BENNETT, DANKWORTH, ELIASON
FAHRENKAMP, FERGUSON, FISCHER, GILMAN,
PARR, RODEY AND STURGULEWSKI

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 781

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for free tuition and fees for certain
7 veterans and dependents of certain veterans of the
8 armed forces of the United States."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.40.920 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 14.40.920. FREE TUITION AND FEES AT STATE-SUPPORTED EDUCA-
12 TIONAL INSTITUTIONS. (a) A person who was an Alaska resident while
13 serving in the armed forces of the United States [during hostilities
14 involving the United States,] and who became ⁵⁰ 70 percent or more disabled
15 from service-connected causes may attend a state-supported educational
16 institution without payment of tuition and fees.

17 (b) A dependent of a person who was an Alaska resident while
18 serving in the armed forces of the United States [during hostilities
19 involving the United States] and who (1) became ⁵⁰ 70 percent or more dis-
20 abled from service-connected causes; (2) was killed in action; (3) was
21 injured and subsequently died from service-connected causes; (4) is a
22 prisoner of war; or (5) was declared missing in action and is still
23 missing in action, may attend a state-supported educational institution
24 without payment of tuition and fees.

25 (c) Free tuition and fees at a state supported institution under
26 this section are not available for more than 36 months, or eight
27 semesters, or the equivalent of eight semesters, whichever is longer.

28 (d) In this section "dependent" means a dependent spouse or ^{dependent} child.
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shall furnish information concerning these matters to the governor, to the legislature and to other state and federal agencies as requested by them. (§ 4 ch 78 SLA 1974)

Sec. 14.40.913. Executive officer and staff; administration. (a) The commission may appoint an executive officer. The executive officer is a member of the exempt service under AS 39.25.110, serves at the pleasure of the commission, and he receives compensation fixed by the commission. The executive officer appoints persons to the staff positions authorized by the commission, and staff compensation is fixed by the commission. The executive officer is the executive secretary of the student financial aid committee. Each employee of the commission shall elect membership either in the state teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25), if qualified, or in the public employees' retirement system (AS 39.35).

(b) The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education is not a division in the Department of Education. The commission, its members, executive officer and staff are in the Department of Education for administrative support services only, and they are not subject to the direction of the commissioner of education or the state Board of Education. (§ 4 ch 78 SLA 1974)

Sec. 14.40.915. Compensation and per diem. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as may be authorized by law for boards and commissions. (§ 4 ch 78 SLA 1974)

Article 12. Free Tuition and Fees for Dependents of Prisoners of War and Those Missing in Action in Southeast Asia.

Section

920. Free tuition and fees at state-supported educational institutions

Sec. 14.40.920. Free tuition and fees at state-supported educational institutions. (a) Any dependent of a bona fide Alaska resident who, while serving during the hostilities involving the United States forces in Southeast Asia, was listed by the United States Department of Defense as a prisoner of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia may attend any state-supported educational institution without payment of tuition and fees.

(b) As used in this section, "dependent" means a dependent spouse or child. (§ 1 ch 176 SLA 1972)

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. SB 781
 Title An act providing for free tuition & fees for certain veterans & dependents
 Requested by Bradley, Bennett, Dankworth & Eliason Date 2/16/82

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected University of Alaska/Alaska Vocational-Technical Center
 Program Category Affected _____
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

The amount of lost revenue to the institutions cannot be determined because the number of qualified students is unknown. The fiscal impact is assumed to be small. A range of impacts is shown below based on the cost of a full-time undergraduate student attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks:

10 Students x \$572 (tuition & fees)	= \$ 5,720
50 Students x \$572	= \$28,600
100 Students x \$572	= \$57,200

This information is based on conversations with the University of Alaska

IV. DATE 3/22/82 PREPARED BY E. Blecker
 AGENCY Budget & Management
 Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-2213
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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)
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