

HB 127

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: February 27, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/4/91

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 127

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

NICK BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP

"An Act establishing the Nick Begich memorial scholarship."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____

CS HB 127 (Fin)

the same title

a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note _____

zero fiscal note(s) Admin 2/25/91

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	<u>OTHER</u> RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Mike Savare</i>					
<i>Mike Savare</i>					
<i>Tom Brown</i>	✓				
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
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<i>Danna M. Barnes</i>					
<i>Keith Chang</i>	✓				
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<i>Richard J. [Signature]</i>	x				
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				

Mike Savare
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

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:
 Referred:

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.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1

Bill Version: HB 127

(H) Publish Date: 2/27/91

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Administration
 Title: "An Act establishing the Nick Begich memorial scholarship" BRU: Central Services
 Component: Finance
 Sponsor: Representative Ellis
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This Act will not have an impact on the Division of Finance or the Department of Administration. Procedures are in place to account for all leave donations to the other scholarship accounts in the memorial scholarship fund.

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Division: Finance Date: 02/25/91

Approved by Commissioner: Millett Keller McB Walker SiMK

Agency: Administration Date: 2/25/91

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives Mike Navarre and Eileen MacLean, Co-Chairs,
House Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Johnny Ellis, Chair 
House Rules Committee

RE: House Bill 127

DATE: February 28, 1991

Thank you for scheduling House Bill 127 for a hearing. HB 127 passed the House HESS Committee earlier this week. There is one small amendment to be made to Section 1, page 2, lines 17-18. Nick Begich was not the [father of the state operated school system], he was the father of Alaska Kindergarten. Can we make that change in committee?

House Bill 127 adds a sixth scholarship to the memorial scholarship revolving loan fund currently in operation through the Commission on Post Secondary Education. The scholarship is in memory of former Alaska educator and Congressman Nick Begich.

The scholarship fund was created to assist students who plan to contribute knowledge to the state and promote a great future for the people of Alaska. Students who plan to major in public administration, government or education are eligible for an annual \$2,500 Nick Begich scholarship, to perpetuate the memory of Nick Begich, a great Alaskan who offered his expertise in both education and government.

Nick Begich came to Anchorage as a counselor at West High School in 1956. He taught at Ursa Minor elementary at Fort Richardson from 1958 to 1964 — eventually becoming the school superintendent. In 1962 he was elected to the Alaska State Senate and served two four-year terms. For one term he served as Chair of the Health, Education and Welfare Committee and established many education laws to Alaska Statutes. In 1970 Nick ran for Congress against Frank Murkowski and won, serving Alaska from 1971 until his untimely death in 1972.

There are two methods for funding the scholarship:

1. Direct donations to the scholarship fund.
2. State employees can donate accumulated leave time — in the amount that they would have been paid — to the scholarship fund.



AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLIS

Page 2, lines 17 - 18:

Delete "the Alaska state operated school system"

Insert "Alaska kindergarten"

1991 LEGISLATION
POSITION PAPER
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Division Finance Bill Number HB 127

Bill Title "An Act establishing the Nick Begich Memorial Scholarship"

Position Statement: Explain briefly what bill does, its impacts and Department's position, i.e.
a) support, b) do not support, c) neutral or d) oppose.

This act establishes a Nick Begich memorial scholarship reserve account in the memorial scholarship fund (fund #21611).

This bill would not have an impact on the Division of Finance or Department of Administration. A procedure is in place to account for leave donations to all scholarship accounts in the fund. The Department of Administration takes a neutral position on this bill.

APPROVED:

For Director Don Wanie Division Finance
print name

Signature *Joe Thomas* Date 2/25/91

Commissioner Millett Keller

Signature *Millett Keller* ^{for} _{MK} Date 2/25/91

(For more information, call Barbara Pritchett 465-2200)

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