

HB 127

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/17/91

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 4-30-91

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 127 (FINANCE)
"An Act establishing the Nick Begich memorial scholarship."

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____
 - or adopt _____ CS _____
 - attached amendment(s)
 - _____ letter of intent adopted
- same title
 new title
 technical title change (HB only)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

appropriation-no fiscal note

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

DOA 2/25/91
DOE 2/22/91

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.

Co-Chairs: Signatures and Recommendations

FISCAL NOTE

No. 2 R/O SFC 4-30-91

Version: CSHB 127(FIN)

(S) Publish Date: 4/19/91

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Education
 Title: HB 127 "An Act establishing the Nick Begich Memorial Scholarship" BRU: Postsecondary Education
 Sponsor: Representative Ellis Component: Memorial Scholarship Loans
 Requestor: House HESS 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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) No fiscal impact within the time of this note, since all funds are contributions, and repayments begin after schooling and should be negligible due to 100 percent forgiveness eligibility.

Prepared By: Jane Byers Maynard, Executive Director Phone: 465-2165

Division: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Date: February 22, 1991

Approved by Commissioner: _____

Agency: _____ Date: _____

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

R/O SFC 4-30-91

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.	59			
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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: Millet Kellee M-B Wink
Agency: Administration Date: 2/25/91

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

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.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Senate Health, Education, and
Social Services Committee

FROM: Jane Byers Maynard, Executive Director
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

SUBJECT: Position Statement on CSHB 127: Nick Begich
Memorial Scholarship

DATE: April 15, 1991

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education voted to support Senate Bill 127 on March 29, 1991. The addition of this memorial scholarship program will not result in any administrative cost increases. We will actively advertise the program and solicit contributions utilizing the publicity brochure currently available for the other memorial scholarship programs.

Applicants would be asked to provide a letter of interest and intent to seek a specific eligible degree and current resumé and grade point information. Award recipients would be designated by a selection committee, giving preference to Nick Begich Intern Fund Nominees.

The Commission will be pleased to administer this program.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senators Pat Pourchot and Jalmar Kerttula, co-chairs
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Johnny Ellis 

RE: House Bill 127

DATE: April 16, 1991

Please consider House Bill 127 to either be heard in your committee, or if you think it's appropriate, perhaps waived from your committee to Rules.

House Bill 127 unanimously passed the House last month and the Senate HESS Committee April 16. The only amendment made to the original version of the bill clarified that Nick Begich was the founder of the Alaska kindergarten programs, not the state operated school system.

HB 127 adds a sixth scholarship to the memorial scholarship revolving loan fund currently in operation through the Commission on Postsecondary 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 to 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.

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 helped create educational standards for our schools. In 1970, Nick ran for Congress and won, serving Alaska from 1971 until his 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.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Inc. Members

Since its founding in 1977, the intern fund has given over \$65,000 to students.

Gets over 100 applications a year.

Gene Kennedy, executive director

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