

**SB**

**160**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 160

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
 Title: An Act Relating to Memorial Scholarship Loans BRU: Alaska Student Loan Corporat  
 Sponsor: Senator Taylor Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0218

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

REVENUE FUND SOURCE: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ -0-

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero Fiscal Impact

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 Division: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
 Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### SENATE BILL 160

**March 31, 1993**

**Senate Bill 160 was introduced at the suggestion of Kathleen Niles, Admissions Clerk at the University of Alaska Southeast - Sitka. The bill would modify the eligibility requirements for the Alaska State Troopers: Michael Murphy Scholarship to include certificate programs.**

**The wording of AS14.43.300 currently limits the awarding of scholarship loans to students who pursue a degree program in law enforcement, law, probations and parole, or penology or closely related fields. This language prevents students in certificate programs, such as the Law Enforcement Certificate Program offered at the Sitka campus, UAS, from eligibility.**

**The scholarship revolving loan fund established by the Legislature includes a provision allowing the forgiveness of one-fifth of the loan indebtedness for each one year period of full time employment in law enforcement in Alaska. Department of Labor statistics show that 63 percent of the Sitka program graduates are currently employed in the state as law enforcement personnel.**

**SB 160 would potentially benefit Alaska students attending an Alaska school with an eye toward employment in Alaska. I ask your support of SB 160.**

**Thank you.**

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MAR 9 RECD

March 5, 1993

The Honorable Robin Taylor  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Taylor:

I am the Admissions Clerk at the University of Alaska Southeast in Sitka and am in charge of the recruitment process for the Law Enforcement Certificate Program. The University of Alaska Foundation's *Alaska State Troopers: Michael Murphy Scholarship* was recently brought to my attention as potentially being available for students applying for this program.

I spoke with the contact person for the scholarship, Lieutenant Robin Lown of Juneau. He felt that it would be a good idea if this scholarship was made available to Certificate students, but advised me to contact the Postsecondary Commission for restrictions. I spoke with Linda Avery from the Commission; she felt that the scholarship was probably for four-year degree program students, but that an application from a certificate student had never been submitted as a test case.

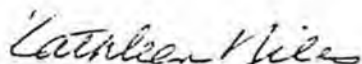
I would like to promote the eligibility of the Law Enforcement Certificate Program for the *Alaska State Troopers: Michael Murphy Scholarship*. The limitations as currently stated in Sec 14.43.300 are "...a Michael Murphy memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a degree program in an accredited college or university in law enforcement, law, probation and parole, or penology, or closely related fields."

Senator Taylor  
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This scholarship is a revolving loan fund, the recipient receiving forgiveness of one-fifth of loan indebtedness for each one-year period of full-time employment in Alaska in law-enforcement or related field. The enclosed brochure states that recent Alaska Labor Department statistics show that 63 percent of the Law Enforcement Certificate Program graduates are currently employed in Alaska as law enforcement personnel and this percentage does not include those working for the federal government or outside of Alaska.

This is an expensive program. The cost for the 17 week program for Fall 1992 was over \$5000; for the 11 week program, a student could expect to spend close to \$3750. As an employee who hears the moans and groans from those who want to enter the Law Enforcement field and are trying to finance this program, the possibility of scholarship help would be very encouraging. I would appreciate your consideration of this matter and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Niles  
Admissions

enclosures



Detective Dawn Augustus, Class of 1985

## ADMISSIONS

Enrollment is limited to thirty persons; applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants to the 17 week University Certificate Program must submit a high school transcript showing graduation or passing GED scores. All participants are required to meet admission requirements of the Alaska Public Safety Academy which include a thorough background check, a valid driver's license, and minimum physical requirements. There is no minimum age requirement but applicants are advised of the age 21 minimum hiring standard of law enforcement agencies.

All application materials, including requests for housing and financial aids, are handled through the University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Campus. For an application packet or additional information write or call:

ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS  
 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST,  
 SITKA CAMPUS  
 1332 SEWARD AVENUE  
 SITKA, AK 99835  
 907-747-6653

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 Sitka Campus  
 332 Seward Avenue  
 Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498



Officer Jeff Johnson, Class of 1988



Law  
 Enforcement  
 Training  
 Program

University of Alaska Southeast  
 and Alaska Public Safety Academy

## Course Descriptions

### Week 1-6 (Optional)

#### Written Communication for Law Enforcement

Completes the requirements of college-level composition, with basic writing exercise and classroom discussion based on the particular demands of the law enforcement profession.

#### Oral Communication for Law Enforcement

The unique communication situations faced by law enforcement officers are covered, including interpersonal, small group, and public communication skills.

### Week 7-17 (Required)

#### Criminal Investigation

Course covers physical evidence and crime scene investigation, drug identification and case procedures, arson, sex crimes, fingerprinting, and investigation practices.

#### Criminal Justice

Specific instruction is provided in the organization, jurisdiction, and role of the Alaska Criminal Justice System, the District Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office. The special role of juveniles is included.

#### Physical Training

Course covers physical conditioning, physical methods of arrest, baton, and cold water survival.

#### Police Procedures

Course covers a variety of disciplines including report writing, interviews and interrogation techniques, rules of evidence, substantive law, shooting, security checks, domestic disputes, and related topics.

#### Procedural Law

A statutory law course covers individual rights, constitutional safeguards, evidence. Constitutional issues such as search and seizure, 5th amendment and 14th amendment are studied.

#### Traffic Law Enforcement

Course covers preparation of D.W.I. Enforcement, drinking drivers and driving, the D.W.I. Statute, issues and defenses, pharmacology and toxicology, theory and operation of the intoximeter, courtroom testimony, and case preparation. Accident investigation techniques and field exercises are included.



Alaska Public Safety Academy, Sitka, Alaska

**THE PROGRAM...**The Law Enforcement Program is a seventeen-week program offered cooperatively by the University of Alaska and the Alaska Public Safety Academy. The training is accredited by the University and meets training requirements of the Alaska Police Standards Council and the National Park Service for seasonal rangers.

**EMPLOYABILITY...**When you have successfully completed the Law Enforcement Program, you will be qualified to seek employment in a wide variety of law enforcement settings—municipal and village police departments, the National Park Service, and various other public and private agencies both in Alaska and elsewhere. Although employment is not guaranteed by the program, 63 percent of our graduates are currently working in Alaska as law enforcement personnel. Additional numbers have found professional employment outside Alaska and with Federal agencies.

**TRAINING OPTIONS...**The seventeen-week program is divided into a six week and an eleven week segment. During the first six weeks you will complete training in written & oral communications for law enforcement officers. During the final eleven weeks you will complete criminal justice classes and physical training.

You may choose to attend either the full 17-week program or to attend only the final 11-week segment. Successful completion of either program meets requirements of the National Park Service and Alaska Police Standards Council. The University of Alaska Southeast Law Enforcement Certificate is awarded only to those who complete the 17-week program with passing grades in all classes and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0. The full 17-week program is essential to the overall success of many students who need preparation in communications, computer, and study skills, as well as a 'head start' on physical conditioning.

**HOUSING...**Comfortable housing and a meal plan are provided at the Alaska Public Safety Academy in Sitka. Residency at the Academy is optional during the first six weeks but mandatory for all participants during the final eleven weeks.

\*Students who have satisfactorily completed college English and speech may request transfer of credit rather than attending the first six weeks.

### **MICHAEL MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND**

The Alaska State Legislature has established the Michael Murphy Scholarship Loan Fund for eligible Alaska residents. This scholarship loan is funded by private donations and by voluntary contributions from state employees who may contribute one or more days of annual leave to the fund. The Department of Administration credits the memorial with funds equal to the value of the donated leave and furnishes the employee with a statement reflecting the value of the donation. The statement may be used for income tax purposes.

Funds of up to \$1,000 per year are available for undergraduates and graduates who are full-time students pursuing a degree program at an accredited college or university in law enforcement, law, probation and parole, penology, or closely related fields. The loans are non-interest-bearing and, upon degree completion, the scholarship loan recipient shall receive forgiveness of 20 percent of total loan indebtedness for each one year period he or she is employed full-time in Alaska law enforcement or related fields.

Applications must be submitted by April 1 for fall enrollment. For further information and applications interested students should contact:

Lieutenant Robin Lown  
Alaska State Troopers  
ATTN: Michael Murphy Scholarship Fund  
2760 Sherwood Lane  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-2161



# Alaska State Legislature

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate  
HESS- committee name  
(58160)  
committee on SB 160, dated 3-12-93  
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Would like to testify on behalf of change to Michael Murphy Memorial Scholarship to read "certificate or degree program" rather than "degree program" so that the scholarship loan could be extended to cover the students in the Law Enforcement Training Program at UAS Sitka. The cost of the certificate program is \$5000. + for seventeen weeks and prepares <sup>alaskan</sup> students as candidates for law enforcement jobs. The forgiveness of this loan is \$2500 for a person who successfully completes the program, gains a law enforcement job in Alaska, and works for five years. Not a bad investment for the state of Alaska.

Signed: Phillip M. Stattery Phillip M. Stattery  
Testifier

University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Campus

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*admission look  
UAS 511  
director of the Sitka campus*