

SB

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Senator Robin L. Taylor

Sponsor Statement

SENATE BILL 39

Before the Senate HES Committee
February 8, 1995

Senate Bill 39 was introduced at the suggestion of Kathleen Niles, admissions clerk at the University of Alaska Southeast-Sitka. The bill would modify the eligibility requirements of the Alaska State Troopers Michael Murphy Scholarship program to include certificate programs.

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

The scholarship revolving loan fund established by the Legislature includes a provision allowing 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 Sitka program graduates are currently employed in the state as law enforcement personnel.

The bill carries a zero fiscal note and received unanimous "do pass" recommendations from both the HES and Finance committees last year before receiving a unanimous vote of the full Senate.

SB 39 will potentially benefit Alaska students attending an Alaska school with an eye toward employment in Alaska.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 39

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Education
 Title: An Act relating to memorial BRU: Postsecondary Education
scholarship loans. Component: Student Loan Program
 Sponsor: Senator Taylor
 Requester: Senate HESS Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0218

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0- 0.0	-0- 0.0	-0- 0.0	-0- 0.0	-0- 0.0	-0- 0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUND SOURCE (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	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY95) cost: \$ -0-

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero (0) fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Dr. Joe L. McCormick, Executive Director
 Division: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Phone: (907)465-6740
 Date: January 26, 1995

Approved by Commissioner: _____
 Agency: _____

Date: _____

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BILL NO: SB 160

DATE: March 31, 1993

TITLE: "An Act relating to
memorial scholarship loans"

CONTACT: C.E. Swackhammer
Deputy Commissioner
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The Michael Murphy scholarship loan program was established by the Alaska Legislature in 1968 in memory of Michael Murphy, an immigrant from Ireland. Because he felt he owed his adopted country, he took a leave of absence from the Alaska State Troopers and went to Viet Nam as a civilian police advisor. On May 22, 1968 he was killed in action.

The Michael Murphy Scholarship Fund is supported entirely by State Employees donating a day or more of annual leave per year to the fund.

Currently a loan granted under the Michael Murphy Scholarship Loan program can only be used to pursue a degree program in an accredited college or university in Law Enforcement, Law, Probation and Parole, or Penology, or closely related fields.

SB 160 enlarges the use of a Michael Murphy memorial scholarship loan to include a certificate program as well as a degree program. This would allow the awarding of scholarship loans to students who wish to enroll in a program such as the Alaska Law Enforcement Training program (ALET) conducted by the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka under the accreditation of the University of Alaska Southeast.

ALET is the basic requirement for employment as a police officer as required by the Alaska Police Standards Council. Prospective police officers must successfully complete ALET or a similar program approved by APSC to be employed as a law enforcement officer.

By enlarging the usage of the Michael Murphy scholarship loan program to include certificate programs a larger number of prospective police officers can be aided in achieving a career in law enforcement. This is a desirable change that would help those in need of assistance in meeting the basic requirements for entry into the law enforcement field.


Richard L. Burton
Commissioner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 15, 1994

Contact: Joe Ambrose
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The State Senate today gave unanimous approval to legislation that would make students attending the Law Enforcement Certificate Program at UAS-Sitka eligible for the State Troopers Michael Murphy Scholarship Loan Program.

Senate Bill 160 was introduced last year by Senator Robin L. Taylor at the suggestion of Kathleen Niles, admissions clerk at the Sitka campus.

Current state law limits the awarding of scholarship loans to students in a degree program in law enforcement and related fields. Recipients receive forgiveness of one-fifth of their loan indebtedness for each year of full time employment in law enforcement in the state following graduation.

Niles suggested that since 63 percent of the Sitka graduates are currently employed in Alaska, certificate program students too should be eligible to benefit from the revolving loan fund.

Richard Burton, Commissioner of Public Safety, in a position paper on Taylor's bill, called it "a desirable change"

"By enlarging the usage of the Michael Murphy scholarship loan program to include certificate programs', Burton wrote, "a larger number of prospective police officers can be aided in achieving a career in law enforcement".

Senate Bill 160 moves to the House for its consideration.

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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.

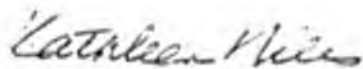
I would like to promote the eligibility of the Law Enforcement Certificate Program for the *Alaska State Troopers: Michael Murphy Scholarship*. The limitations as currently stated in Sec 14.43.300 are "...a Michael Murphy memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a degree program in an accredited 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

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



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:

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 SITKA CAMPUS
 1332 SEWARD AVENUE
 SITKA, AK 99835
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There is no minimum age requirement for applicants and advised of the age 21 minimum

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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

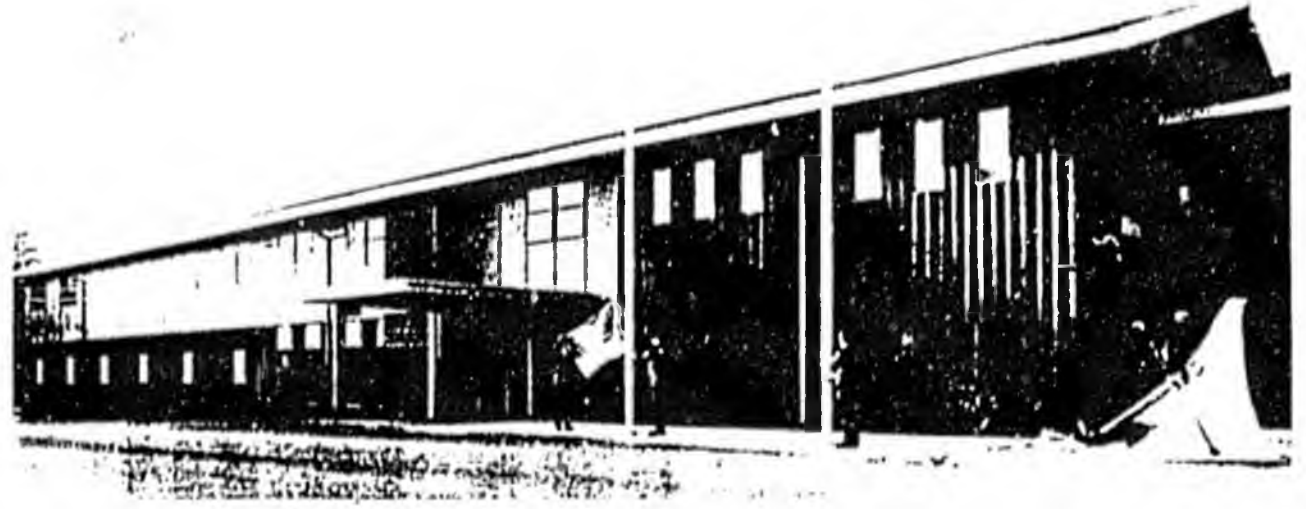
Course covers a variety of disciplines including report writing, interviews and interrogation techniques, rules of evidence, substantive law, shooting, security checks, domestic disputes, and related topics.

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 of the program.