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Creating the regional resource center areas and boards; prescribing their organization, powers and duties; and providing for an effective date.

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

- * Section 1. AS 14.08.141 is repealed.
- * Sec. 2. AS 14.12 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.

Sec. 14.12.150. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. (a) The districts of the state public school system may join together to establish regional resource centers to provide the following services, including but not limited to, accounting, payroll and other fiscal, media, instructional support, bilingual-bicultural educational, inservice and staff development, student, diagnostic, school management and school board member training.

(b) A regional resource center established under (a) of this section shall be governed by a board consisting of one representative from each participating district. The representative shall be appointed by the governing board of that district. The term of office of regional resource center board members shall be two years, beginning July 1 of each calendar year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointment.

(c) Regional resource center boundaries shall be established by the state Board of Education on recommendation of the commissioner of education in the following seven regions of the state: southcentral and the Aleutian Chain, western, northwest, Bristol Bay, interior, southeast, and Kodiak. A district may not be included in more than one regional resource center area.

(d) Regional resource center boards may receive and expend both public and private funds to operate a regional resource center.

(e) Employees of the regional resource centers are not in the state service and are not subject to the State Personnel Act (AS 39.25). However, all regional resource center employees shall be members of either the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25) or the public employees retirement system (AS 39.35).

Sec. 14.12.160. REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER BOARD GRANT PROGRAM; ELIGIBILITY. (a) The Department of Education may make grants to regional resource center boards which qualify for the grants under the criteria set out in (b) of this section and regulations adopted by the department.

(b) To qualify for a grant under (a) of this section, a regional resource center board shall

(1) be organized under the provisions of sec. 150 of this chapter;

(2) adopt bylaws for its operation;

(3) provide the department with a plan of operation including but not limited to the following elements:

(A) the bylaws adopted for its operation;

(B) a list of participating districts, number of students and professional staff to be served;

(C) a schedule of funds available from federal, state, local and private sources;

(D) a description of the services and programs to be offered;

(E) a description of the method by which these services and programs will be evaluated;

(F) other information that may be required by the department by regulation;

(4) comply with applicable regulations adopted by the department.

Sec. 14.12.170. For purposes of this chapter, regional educational attendance areas shall be considered districts.

Sec. 14.12.180. REGULATIONS. The Department of Education may adopt regulations necessary to implement the provisions of secs. 150 - 170 of this chapter.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.