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AN ACT

Establishing the state educational incentive grant program; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 13. ALASKA STATE EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

Sec. 14.40.930. PURPOSE; CREATION. There is established the Alaska state educational incentive grant program to provide financial assistance to eligible students to enable them to attend, or continue their attendance at, postsecondary educational institutions. Funds appropriated for this program shall be used as matching funds for the state's participation in the federal state student incentive grant program (P.L. 92-318; 20 U.S.C. sec. 1070c - 1070c-3).

Sec. 14.40.935. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The educational incentive grant program established under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter shall be administered by the executive secretary of the student financial aid committee under secs. 753 and 757 of this chapter, subject to review by the committee and to those regulations the committee may prescribe to carry out the purposes of secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter.

(b) To the extent that they are not in conflict with the provisions of secs. 930 - 935 of this chapter, the provisions of secs. 751 - 806 of this chapter relating to student financial aid are applicable to the grants made under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.40.940. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds appropriated for the educational incentive grant program

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shall be allocated to eligible students in accordance with the provisions of the federal state student incentive grant program and regulations promulgated under secs. 757 and 935 of this chapter.

Sec. 14.40.945. ELIGIBILITY; PRIORITY. (a) A student may apply for an educational incentive grant if he

(1) is a resident of Alaska;

(2) is either

(A) enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a degree program in an accredited postsecondary educational institution; or

(B) a person eligible to be admitted to an accredited postsecondary educational institution; and

(3) establishes financial need in accordance with standards for determining financial need adopted by the committee under 20 U.S.C. sec. 1070c-2.

(b) The committee shall, by regulation, establish a system of priority in the selection of recipients of grants under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter under which students from "low income" families or whose incomes are considered "low income" shall be given preference in the award of the educational incentive grants.

Sec. 14.40.950. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. (a) No grant made under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter may be in an amount less than \$100 nor more than \$1,500 for each academic year.

(b) A grant awarded under secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter may be used by a student only at an accredited postsecondary educational institution.

Sec. 14.40.955. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. All information submitted in support of a determination of financial need as provided in this chapter is confidential. However, an applicant may inspect or copy information from his own application, or records relating to his own application, or authorize release of the application or records to designated individuals or organizations.

Sec. 14.40.960. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 930 - 960 of this chapter

(1) "resident" means a person who, except for brief intervals, military service, attendance at an educational or training institution, or for absences for good cause shown, has resided in Alaska and who has maintained his domicile in Alaska; domicile is the true and permanent home of a person from which he has no present intention of moving and to which he intends to return whenever he is away;

(2) "undergraduate" means a student who has not completed a baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.

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