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Relating to adult and adventure-based education.

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AN ACT

Relating to adult and adventure-based education.

* Section 1. AS 14.07.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational education and training, basic education, and fire-service training to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending school.

* Sec. 2. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 11. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION.

Sec. 14.11.010. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAM. An adventure-based education program is a program designed to bring adventure-based education to high school students and appropriate juvenile offenders. A program shall include provisions for the following phases:

(1) Phase I: Basic Skills Learning

(A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming, and other related activities;

(B) technical training: the use of specialized tools and equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life saving, drown proofing, and solo survival;

(C) safety training: first aid skills, emergency care, preventative medicine, nutrition, health and personal hygiene care;

(D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation exercises, and fire fighting;

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1 (E) solo: solitary living for a short period with mini-
2 mal equipment;

3 (F) interpersonal skills training: coping skills, indi-
4 vidual and group problem solving, and societal communication
5 skills;

6 (G) culturally relevant activities: traditional modes of
7 subsistence living, travelling and surviving in wilderness areas
8 and communities in Alaska, and cross-cultural experiences.

9 (2) Phase II: Skills Generalization

10 (A) vocational counseling and placement;

11 (B) family and interpersonal counseling;

12 (C) community systems utilization:

13 (i) transportation,

14 (ii) community services systems,

15 (iii) community problem solving.

16 * Sec. 3. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

17 (1) programs in use for dealing with juveniles who are found
18 under Alaska juvenile law and practice to require confinement or physi-
19 cal removal from their community are not providing certain juveniles
20 with the support and program content necessary to achieve a positive
21 self-image and attitudinal change which will result in acceptable social
22 behavior;

23 (2) programs have been developed and are operational which
24 have proven effective in both preventing and altering delinquent behav-
25 ior in certain types of problem juveniles;

26 (3) the programs would provide a mechanism for courts to
27 allow a positive change in juvenile offenders while matters are held in
28 abeyance under rule 21(b)(1), Rules of Children's Procedure.

29 * Sec. 4. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 21. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION.

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2 Sec. 47.21.010. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The Department of Community
3 and Regional Affairs shall establish an adventure-based education pro-
4 gram designed to bring adventure-based education to appropriate juvenile
5 offenders and others selected by referral agencies.

6 (b) Adventure-based education is a short-term, intensive training
7 program designed to remedy failure patterns and encourage development of
8 self-esteem, self-confidence, and social awareness in

9 (1) certain delinquent juveniles in the custody of the divi-
10 sion of corrections;

11 (2) certain juveniles identified by the schools, division of
12 social services, the courts, youth workers, or other community referral
13 systems, as being able to benefit from adventure-based education.

14 Sec. 47.21.020. PROGRAM. (a) An adventure-based education pro-
15 gram shall include provisions for the following phases:

16 (1) Phase I: Basic Skills Learning

17 (A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming,
18 and other related activities;

19 (B) technical training: the use of specialized tools and
20 equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life saving,
21 drown proofing, and solo survival;

22 (C) safety training: first aid skills, emergency care,
23 preventative medicine, nutrition, health and personal hygiene care;

24 (D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation exer-
25 cises, and fire fighting;

26 (E) solo: solitary living for a short period with mini-
27 mal equipment;

28 (F) interpersonal skills training: coping skills, indi-
29 vidual and group problem solving, and societal communication

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1 skills;

2 (G) culturally relevant activities: traditional modes of
3 subsistence living, travelling and surviving in wilderness areas
4 and communities in Alaska, and cross-cultural experiences.

5 (2) Phase II: Skills Generalization

6 (A) vocational counseling and placement;

7 (B) family and interpersonal counseling;

8 (C) community systems utilization:

9 (i) transportation,

10 (ii) community services systems,

11 (iii) community problem solving.

12 (b) Criteria for adventure-based education programs shall be
13 established by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and
14 shall include provisions for

15 (1) staff members with background experience in Outward
16 Bound, NOLS, Alaska Wilderness Experience, Inc., or other similar wilder-
17 ness skills programs or indigenous cultural experience;

18 (2) minimum program standards.

19 * Sec. 5. AS 44.27.020(1) is amended to read:

20 (1) administer the state's program of education at the ele-
21 mentary, [AND] secondary, and adult levels, including, but not limited
22 to, programs of vocational education and training, vocational rehabi-
23 litation, library services, [AND] correspondence courses, adult basic
24 education, and fire-service training, but not including degree pro-
25 grams of postsecondary education;

26 * Sec. 6. AS 47.10.080(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (5) order the minor committed to the Department of Health and
28 Social Services for placement in an adventure-based education program
29 established under AS 47.21.020 with conditions the court considers

1 appropriate concerning release upon satisfactory completion of the
2 program or commitment under (1) of this subsection if the program is not
3 satisfactorily completed.
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