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5       \* Section I. AS 14.43.250(b) is amended to read:

6           (b) The purposes of the several memorial scholarship accounts in the memorial  
7       scholarship revolving loan fund are as follows:

8                   (1) the Michael Murphy memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Michael  
9       Murphy, a member of the Alaska State Troopers, who, while on leave from that division, gave  
10      his life for his adopted country in Vietnam on May 22, 1968;

11                   (2) the Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory  
12      of Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz, of Juneau, who was a student intern with the Criminal Justice  
13      Planning Agency and the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice during the  
14      summer months of 1972 and 1973 and whose accidental and untimely death in November 1973  
15      [,] occurred while completing his undergraduate education at Yale University, thus never realizing  
16      his educational goals or career objective;

17                   (3) the Harvey Golub memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Harvey  
18      Golub, of Juneau, who was chief engineer of the bridge design section of the Department of  
19      Highways of the State of Alaska and whose accidental and untimely death September 13, 1971,  
20      cut short a widely-respected career in civil engineering;

21                   (4) the Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of

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1 Robert L. Thomas, of Juneau, who as Deputy Commissioner of Education, and for 13 years as  
2 a member of the professional staff of that department contributed significantly to the creation,  
3 operation, and administration of a sound system of public education in Alaska and whose tragic  
4 and untimely death March 12, 1974, terminated a distinguished career in education and public  
5 administration that long will be exemplary for those who aspire to service in that profession;  
6 [AND]

7 (5) the A.W. (Winn) Brindle memorial scholarship loan perpetuates the memory  
8 of A.W. (Winn) Brindle, who was the president of the Wards Cove Packing Company and  
9 Columbia-Wards Fisheries and whose death July 4, 1977, terminated a distinguished career  
10 dedicated to the development of the Alaska seafood industry; and

11 (6) the Nick Begich memorial scholarship perpetuates the memory of Nick  
12 Begich, teacher and school superintendent at Fort Richardson, father of the Alaska  
13 kindergarten program, state senator, and member of the United States House of  
14 Representatives, whose accidental and untimely death in October of 1972 cut short a  
15 productive and distinguished career in education and public service.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.43.300(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) A scholarship loan to a recipient under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) may not  
18 exceed \$2,500 a school year for an undergraduate student or \$5,000 a school year for a graduate  
19 student, and may not be made to a student for more than six years. A scholarship loan to a  
20 recipient under AS 14.43.250(b)(5) may not exceed the cost of tuition and required fees, books  
21 and educational supplies, room and board, and transportation for two round trips between the  
22 recipient's home and school each year. A loan under AS 14.43.250(b)(5) may not be made for  
23 more than five years of undergraduate study, five years of graduate study, or a combined  
24 maximum of eight years of study.

25 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.43.300(b) is amended to read:

26 (b) A loan made under AS 14.43.250 - 14.43.325 may be used only as follows:

27 (1) a Michael Murphy memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a  
28 degree program in an accredited college or university in law enforcement, law, probation and  
29 parole, or penology, or closely related fields;

30 (2) a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan may be used only to

1 pursue a degree program in an accredited college or university in criminal law, criminology,  
2 corrections, police science and administration, juvenile justice, or other fields closely related to  
3 criminal justice;

4 (3) a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a  
5 degree program in an accredited college or university in civil, mechanical, electrical, electronic,  
6 petroleum, mining, traffic and transportation, sanitary, chemical, or other recognized field of  
7 engineering;

8 (4) a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue  
9 a degree program in an accredited college or university that will lead to a career in education or  
10 public administration, or other closely related field; [AND]

11 (5) an A.W. (Winn) Brindle memorial scholarship loan may be used only to  
12 pursue a certificate or degree program in an accredited school, college, or university in fisheries,  
13 fishery science, fishery management, seafood processing, food technology, or other closely related  
14 field; and

15 (6) a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan may be used only to pursue a  
16 degree program in an accredited college or university that will lead to a career in education,  
17 public administration, government, or other closely related field.

18 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.43.305(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) Memorial scholarship loans under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) shall be  
20 noninterest-bearing and security for the loan may not be required. However, the note signed by  
21 the recipient shall provide for the payment of attorney fees, costs of court, and skip-tracing fees  
22 if any are incurred in collection of the unpaid amount owed on the loan.

23 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.43.305(e) is amended to read:

24 (e) A recipient of a memorial scholarship loan under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) who  
25 graduates from a degree program shall receive forgiveness of one-fifth of loan indebtedness for  
26 each one-year period the recipient is employed full time in Alaska in

27 (1) law-enforcement or related fields, if a recipient of a Michael Murphy  
28 memorial scholarship loan;

29 (2) criminal law, criminal justice, or other closely related fields, if a recipient of  
30 a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan;

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1 (3) a recognized branch of the engineering profession or other closely related  
2 fields, if a recipient of a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan; [OR]

3 (4) education or public administration, or other closely related field, if a recipient  
4 of a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan; or

5 **(5) education, public administration, government, or other closely related**  
6 **field, if a recipient of a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan.**

7 \* Sec. 6. AS 14.43.305(g) is amended to read:

8 (g) A recipient who does not qualify for forgiveness of all or a part of the loan made  
9 under AS 14.43.250(b)(1) - (4) or (6) shall begin repayment of the unforgiven portion within six  
10 months after leaving employment [,] or terminating studies [,] in

11 (1) law enforcement or related fields, if a recipient of a Michael Murphy  
12 memorial scholarship loan;

13 (2) criminal law, criminal justice, or other closely related fields, if a recipient of  
14 a Carroll L. "Butch" Swartz memorial scholarship loan;

15 (3) a recognized branch of the engineering profession or other closely related  
16 fields, if a recipient of a Harvey Golub memorial scholarship loan; [OR]

17 (4) education or public administration, or other closely related field, if a recipient  
18 of a Robert L. Thomas memorial scholarship loan; or

19 **(5) education, public administration, government, or other closely related**  
20 **field, if a recipient of a Nick Begich memorial scholarship loan.**

21 \* Sec. 7. AS 14.43.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (d) In selecting from among eligible applicants for award of a memorial scholarship loan  
23 under AS 14.43.250(b)(6), the administering authority shall give preference to applicants  
24 nominated by the board members of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Inc.