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§ 42101. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter:

(a) *student* means a student enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an alternative education program;

(b) *alternative education program* or *program* means a wide ranging system of alternative programs significantly different from the conventional curricula of the public secondary school system which is open to students on an optional basis; and

SOURCE: §11999.15 GC; added by P.L. 15-31; amended by P.L. 17-34.

§ 42102. Organization.

The Territorial Board of Education shall promulgate policies, rules and regulations governing the alternative education program.

SOURCE: §11999.16 GC; as added by P.L. 15-31; amended by P.L. 17-34.

§ 42103. Curriculum.

The alternative education program shall consist of a curriculum that would permit those students who do not profit from the conventional classroom program to pursue studies that would permit completion of basic life skills, career guidance, including work experience which would take into consideration an open entry-open exit procedure for enrolling and discharging students.

SOURCE: §11999.17 GC, as added by P.L. 15-31.

§ 42104. Enrollment and Withdrawal.

Students may enroll in the alternative education program at the beginning of an academic period and may withdraw from the program only at the end of said period. A student shall be admitted to the program:

(1) at the request of the student and his parents;

(2) at the request of at least three (3) of the student's teachers with the consent of the student's guidance counselor, principal and the student himself and the student's parents;

(3) at the request of the administrator of the Pupil Personnel Office of the department with the consent of the student and his parents; and

(4) at the direction of a judge of the Superior Court.

SOURCE: §11999.18 GC, as added by P.L. 15-31.

§ 42105. Community Involvement.

The Territorial Board of Education shall endeavor to obtain the participation of the community as a major part of the alternative education program. This participation shall consist among other things, utilization of community resources in employment, and on-the-job training, and the use of parents, professionals, technicians, clergy, government leaders and other talented members of the community of teachers or resource personnel in the education and training of students in the program.

SOURCE: §11999.19 GC; added by P.L. 15-31; amended by P.L. 17-34.

§ 42106. Designation.

The Territorial Board of Education shall designate the school(s) for the implementation of the alternative education program.

SOURCE: §11999.20 GC; added by P.L. 15-31; amended by P.L. 17-34.

§ 42107. Funding.

The Territorial Board of Education shall prepare a budget for implementation of the alternative education program and submit same to the Legislature no later than six (6) months before the beginning of each academic year.

SOURCE: §11999.21 GC; added by P.L. 15-31; amended by P.L. 17-34.

§ 42108. Screening Committee.

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Each school authorized to establish a program shall have a screening committee to assist the program staff in determining the eligibility of students referred for enrollment in the program. Members of such committee shall be appointed by the principal of the participating school.

SOURCE: §11999.22 GC, as added by P.L. 15-31.

§ 42109. Credits and Certification.

The joint board shall establish policies on credits and certification requirements for the program. Such policies shall include credits to be earned for each course or combination of courses and work experience. Credits earned in the program may be applied to the requirements for graduation from the traditional high school course for students who withdraw from the program.

SOURCE: §11999.23 GC, as added by P.L. 15-31.

§ 42110. Certificates for Graduating Students.

The joint board shall adopt a certification standard which awards the student for competencies acquired through the program. Such certification shall state the student's employability in an occupational area or the obtaining of credentials required for acceptance in a more advanced educational or technical program.

SOURCE: §11999.24 GC, as added by P.L. 15-31.

COMMENT: The Joint Board of Education, while still in existence on paper, has not met in a number of years and has performed no functions at all. Therefore, in view of the amendment to § 42101 of this Chapter, directing the Territorial Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations and policies for the program, it seems likely that the Territorial Board would undertake the functions provided in §§ 42109 and 42110.
