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EDUCATION

Alaska Supreme Court asks lower court to weigh use of public funds for private school tuition

Iris Samuels
Anchorage Daily News

In an opinion issued Friday, the Alaska Supreme Court asked a lower court to consider "whether it is constitutional to use allotment funds to pay for private school tuition."

The question is at the center of an ongoing court case that seeks to determine whether Alaska's public homeschooling programs can be used to subsidize private school tuition.

The families of more than 20,000 correspondence students last year were alarmed after a lower court judge ruled that existing statutes governing the state's publicly funded homeschooling programs were unconstitutional. The Alaska Supreme Court reversed the decision in June and sent the case back to the lower court, asking the plaintiffs — a group of Alaska parents — to add specific school districts as defendants before proceeding with the case, which originally named the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and its commissioner as defendants.

"The superior court must interpret the statutes to determine if they allow allotment funds to be used for private school tuition before addressing the statutes' constitutionality," Justice Dario Borghesan wrote in the opinion.

The Alaska Constitution states that "no money shall be paid from public funds for the direct benefit of any religious or other private education institution."

Alaska's correspondence programs allow schools to reimburse homeschooling families for expenses related to education. But an unknown number of Alaska families, including the family of Attorney General Treg Taylor, have used the allotments to cover the cost of private school tuition.

In a statement Friday, Taylor called the Supreme Court's June decision to reverse the lower court ruling and send the case back for consideration "a huge win."

Taylor said the full legal opinion released Friday "further bolsters the win last summer and lays the groundwork for supporting the correspondence school program more broadly."

"The Court recognizes that our constitutional delegates never meant to prohibit the purchase of materials and services from not only just private vendors but perhaps even private schools to allow kids all across Alaska to receive a quality public education that best suits their individual needs," Taylor wrote.

Justice Borghesan wrote in the opinion that the term "education institution" used in the constitution "clearly includes schools, but its plain meaning does not include every entity that provides some kind of service related to education, such as a bookstore."

Four Alaska school districts have been added as defendants to the case and are expected to file their responses to the Anchorage Superior Court next month. They include the Anchorage School District, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, the Galena City School District and the Denali Borough School District.

Anchorage School District spokesperson MJ Thim said in an email Friday that the district "will participate fully in the legal process."

"Families who choose correspondence schooling are valued members of our ASD community. We remain committed to keeping our families informed about any developments in the lawsuit that may affect ASD's correspondence programs," Thim wrote.

The Anchorage School District is represented in the case by Anchorage attorney Lee Baxter. The other three districts are represented by attorneys from the firm Sedor Wendlandt Evans & Filippi.

The judge previously presiding over the case, Anchorage Superior Court Judge Adolf Zeman, has been replaced at the request of the Mat-Su, Denali and Galena school districts. Their attorney declined to explain the reason for the request. Zeman has been replaced with Superior Court Judge Josie Garton.

According to data recently aggregated by the state education department, there are more than 24,000 correspondence students across Alaska. The vast majority of them — roughly 86% — live in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Borough, Fairbanks or the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Roughly a third of all correspondence students in the state are enrolled in a single school — the Interior Distance Education of Alaska school, which is based in Galena, a community of roughly 450 residents. IDEA enrolls more than 7,800 students from across the state. Raven Homeschool, the state's second-largest correspondence program, is based out of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District. It accounts for one-sixth of all correspondence students, with an enrollment of just under 3,700.

The Anchorage School District operates three correspondence programs: AKChoice with 283 students, Family Partnership with 1,008 students and Frontier Charter School with 689 students. The Mat-Su Borough School District operates three correspondence schools: Mat-Su Central School with 2,803 students, Twindly Bridge with 601 students and Knik Charter with 34 students. Denali PEAK, the program run by the Denali Borough School District, currently has 882 students.

Statewide correspondence programs established by districts have raised questions about oversight since their inception nearly three decades ago. In 2004, the state enacted stricter regulations for correspondence allotment use after two statewide programs, including Denali PEAK, were reportedly enrolling hundreds of private school students. But a law proposed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy when he was a state senator more than a decade ago invalidated those regulations and led the state to discontinue most forms of correspondence program oversight, leaving it up to the district to adhere to state laws and interpret the constitutional prohibition on private education institutions.

Only 14% of correspondence students participate in statewide math and English language testing, giving the state little information to determine whether correspondence programs are successful.

SEAN MAGUIRE / ADN

Rep. Carolyn Hall, D-Anchorage, speaks in support of Senate Bill 43, which would establish March as Women's History Month, on Friday in Juneau.

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Legislature passes bill establishing March as Women's History Month

Sean Maguire
Anchorage Daily News

JUNEAU — The Alaska Legislature on Friday approved a measure to establish March as Women's History Month.

Senate Bill 43 states that schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies may honor "the contributions that women have made in the history of the state and the United States" with "appropriate activities."

Anchorage Democratic Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson was the lead sponsor behind SB 43. The Senate unanimously passed the measure earlier in the month.

The Alaska House passed the same bill on a 33-2 vote with five lawmakers absent. Republican Reps. Julie Coulombe and Mike Prax were the only no votes.

Anchorage Democratic Rep. Carolyn Hall introduced the bill on the House floor. She presented a long list of women who had contributed to Alaska history — including lawmakers, community leaders, civil rights activists and dog mushers — such as Bettye Davis, DeeDee Jonrowe and Gail Phillips.

"How many of us know of their accomplishments, their leadership or their fortitude?" Hall asked rhetorically.

"These women are Alaska's history," Hall later said. She said that the purpose of Women's History Month "is to lift up, recognize and integrate women's experiences into our state's narrative."

The Alaska House is majority women for the first time in state history. Twenty-one of the chamber's 40 members are women.

Fairbanks Democratic Rep. Ashley Carrick noted that the House Tribal Affairs Committee is the first legislative committee in state history to have all women members.

After the vote, Coulombe said in a brief interview that she voted against the measure because "this isn't going to help women. I want policies that actually help women."

"We keep hearing that we have a majority of women in the Legislature, and I take offense that I'm a woman legislator. I'm just a legislator. I want to be treated equally," she added.

U.S. Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in 1987. Since then, presidents have issued annual proclamations to honor American women.

Former U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola testified in "enthusiastic support" for SB 43. Peltola — the first woman to represent Alaska in the U.S. House — said Women's History Month would honor Alaska women from all walks of life.

"By recognizing Women's History Month, we make it clear to women, especially young women and girls, that they should not be afraid to be the bold leaders Alaska needs to guide us into the future," she said. "We also honor the trailblazers who came before us, displayed remarkable leadership, and now serve as role models for our generation and the next."

SB 43 does not create any new state holidays or new regulations. State agencies estimate no cost to establish Women's History Month in Alaska.

SB 43 now advances to Gov. Mike Dunleavy's desk for his consideration.

ANCHORAGE

Pedestrian dies in collision on Glenn Highway near Boniface

Anchorage Daily News

A pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle along the Glenn Highway near Boniface Parkway on Friday night died from their injuries, Anchorage police said.

Officers and Anchorage Fire Department medics responded to the area for a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian collision around 9:18 p.m. Friday, the Anchorage Police Department said in an online update.

Medics took the pedestrian to a hospital, where the person died of their injuries, according to police. The department said the deceased would be identified once next of kin has been notified.

"The driver of the vehicle involved remained on the scene and is cooperating with the investigation," police said in their update. Police spokesperson Tess Hagensieker said in an email Saturday that no charges had been filed at this point in connection with the investigation.

The collision prompted the closure of the Glenn's outbound lanes at Boniface Parkway while investigators processed the scene, with traffic temporarily rerouted on an overpass.

Friday's collision marks the fifth pedestrian fatality in Anchorage so far this year.

On Feb. 18, a man and woman were killed in separate incidents the same night. On March 2, an unidentified pedestrian was killed in a collision that police at the time characterized as a hit-and-run in which they were seeking additional information from witnesses; Hagensieker said there was no update in that case as of Saturday.

On March 14, a pedestrian was seriously injured in a collision near Muldoon Road and Duben Avenue that resulted in assault and other charges filed against someone police described as the suspected driver. The pedestrian in that collision, 43-year-old Wonpen Tawthaisong, died at the hospital on March 23 "from injuries sustained in this crash," police said in a later update.

At least 15 pedestrians died in Anchorage last year after being struck by vehicles.

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Jack Ventures, LLC, doing business as Quintessence Farms, located at 8430 Laviento Dr. Suite B, Anchorage, AK 99515 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of a Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility (3 AAC 306.400), license # 20884 to AK Sustainable Farms LLC., doing business as King St. Cult. Under the terms of 3 AAC 306.049, 3 AAC 306.051, and 3 AAC 306.080(d)(2)(B), the transferor/lessor retains a security interest in the marijuana license that is the subject of this conveyance, and may, as a result, be able to obtain a retransfer the license without satisfaction of other creditors.
Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and a copy of the application will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Ae Kyong Lee dba Holding Company located at No Premises, Anchorage, AK is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.09.200 liquor license to Gogi, LLC dba Gogi Korean BBQ located at 7780 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage, AK. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov and Attorney Jana Weltzin, Esq. at jana@idwcounsel.com or 901 Photo Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99503.

King Street Management Inc, doing business as King Street Cannabis Co. located at 8430 Laviento Dr. Suite A, Anchorage, AK 99515 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of a Retail Marijuana Store (3 AAC 306.300), license #20863 to Thrive Kings Corp, doing business as King St. Cannabis. Under the terms of 3 AAC 306.049, 3 AAC 306.051, and 3 AAC 306.080(d)(2)(B), the transferor/lessor retains a security interest in the marijuana license that is the subject of this conveyance, and may, as a result, be able to obtain a retransfer the license without satisfaction of other creditors.
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Anchorage-Lakefront Limited Partnership dba The Lakefront Anchorage – A Millennium Hotel located at 4800 Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99517 is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary Tourism AS 04.09.350 liquor license. The change in ownership involves the ownership interest transfer from Cincinnati SI Company Limited, 99% and Regal Hotel Management, Inc., 1% to Regal Hotel Management Inc. 98% and AIRCOA Equity Interests, Inc. 1%. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

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