

# CENTRALIZED STUDY PROG.'S

Legislation passed in the recent session directs the Department of Education to offer centralized elementary and secondary correspondence study programs.

The new legislation widens the accessibility of correspondence study, making elementary and secondary programs available to any Alaskan.

Formerly programs were limited to students of specified ages. The bill also mandates an increase in program options.

Districts can now open a correspondence study program for students from the district, thus providing an option for local control of offerings. District programs are to be approved by the Department of Education and funded by the public school foundation program.

Student districts providing an

approved correspondence study program may choose to enroll in either the district's approved program or the department's centralized program. The legislation becomes effective July 1, 1975 pending Governor Jay Hammond's signature.