

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 269(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act adding the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs to the membership of**
2 **the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and relating to the duties of the**
3 **Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 *** Section 1.** AS 18.66.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The council consists of

7 (1) four public members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
8 be from a rural area; the governor may consult with the Alaska Network on Domestic
9 Violence and Sexual Assault, a nonprofit corporation, in appointing the public
10 members under this paragraph; the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual
11 Assault shall submit a list to the governor of persons recommended for appointment;

12 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the designee of the
13 commissioner of public safety;

14 (3) the commissioner of health and social services or the designee of

1 the commissioner of health and social services;

2 (4) the commissioner of education and early development or the
3 designee of the commissioner of education and early development;

4 (5) the attorney general or the designee of the attorney general; [AND]

5 (6) the commissioner of corrections or the designee of the
6 commissioner of corrections; **and**

7 **(7) the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs or the**
8 **designee of the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs.**

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.66.040 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 18.66.040. Meetings and quorum.** The council shall meet at least four
11 times a year. At least one meeting each year shall include a statewide public
12 teleconference hearing. The time and place of a meeting shall be set by the presiding
13 officer or by three members who submit a written request for a meeting to the
14 presiding officer. **Six** [FIVE] members of the council constitute a quorum.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.66.050 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 18.66.050. Duties of the council.** The council shall

17 (1) hire an executive director, and the executive director may hire staff;
18 the executive director is in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 and staff members
19 are in the classified service under AS 39.25.100;

20 (2) elect one of its members as presiding officer;

21 (3) in consultation with authorities in the field, develop, implement,
22 maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and
23 prevention programs, including educational programs, films, and school curricula on
24 the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault;

25 (4) coordinate services provided by the Department of Law, the
26 Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Public Safety,
27 the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Corrections, **the**
28 **Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs,** and other state agencies and
29 community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis
30 intervention and prevention, and provide technical assistance as requested by those
31 state agencies and community groups;

1 (5) develop and implement a standardized data collection system on
2 domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention;

3 (6) conduct public hearings and studies on issues relating to violence,
4 including domestic violence and sexual assault, and on issues relating to the role of
5 crisis intervention and prevention;

6 (7) receive and dispense state and federal money and award grants and
7 contracts from appropriations for the purpose to qualified local community entities for
8 domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs;

9 (8) oversee and audit domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis
10 intervention and prevention programs that receive money under this chapter;

11 (9) provide fiscal and technical assistance to plan, organize,
12 implement, and administer domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention
13 and prevention programs;

14 (10) make an annual report to the governor on the activities of the
15 council, plans of the council for new services and programs, and concerns of the
16 council, including recommendations for legislation necessary to carry out the purposes
17 of this chapter; the council shall notify the legislature that the report is available;

18 (11) adopt regulations in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative
19 Procedure Act) to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to protect the health,
20 safety, well-being, and privacy of persons receiving services financed with grants or
21 contracts under this chapter;

22 (12) consult with the Department of Health and Social Services in the
23 formulation of standards and procedures for the delivery of services to victims of
24 domestic violence by health care facilities and practitioners of healing arts and
25 personnel in those facilities as required in AS 18.66.300;

26 (13) consult with the Alaska Police Standards Council and other police
27 training programs in the state to develop training programs regarding domestic
28 violence for police officers and for correction, probation, and parole officers;

29 (14) consult with public employers, the Alaska Supreme Court, school
30 districts, and prosecuting authorities who are required by AS 18.66.300 - 18.66.310 to
31 provide continuing education courses in domestic violence to employees.