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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.66.020 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 18.66.020. Membership, terms, vacancies, and disqualification.** (a) The
5 council consists of

6 (1) **four public members** [THREE PERSONS] appointed by the
7 governor, **one of whom shall be from a rural area; the governor may consult**
8 [AFTER CONSULTATION] with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual
9 Assault, a nonprofit corporation, **in appointing the public members under this**
10 **paragraph**; the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall submit a list
11 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
15 the commissioner of health and social services;

1 (4) the commissioner of education and early development or the
2 designee of the commissioner of education and early development; [AND]

3 (5) the attorney general or the designee of the attorney general; **and**

4 **(6) the commissioner of corrections or the designee of the**
5 **commissioner of corrections.**

6 (b) The term of office of a **public** member appointed under (a)(1) of this
7 section is **three** [TWO] years. A **public** member appointed under (a)(1) of this section
8 serves at the pleasure of the governor and may not serve more than two consecutive
9 terms. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment
10 by the governor. **The governor may consult** [AFTER CONSULTATION] with the
11 Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault **on an appointment of a public**
12 **member made under this subsection.**

13 (c) A person who receives compensation from or is an employee of **the State**
14 **of Alaska or** a domestic violence, sexual assault, or crisis intervention or prevention
15 program may not be appointed **as a public member of** [TO] the council.

16 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.66.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (d) In this section, "rural area" means a community with a population of 5,500
18 or less that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or with a
19 population of 1,500 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

20 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.66.040 is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 18.66.040. Meetings and quorum.** The council shall meet at least four
22 times a year. At least one meeting each year shall include a statewide public
23 teleconference hearing. The time and place of a meeting shall be set by the presiding
24 officer or by three members who submit a written request for a meeting to the
25 presiding officer. **Five** [FOUR] members of the council constitute a quorum.

26 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.66.050 is amended to read:

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

28 (1) hire an executive director, and the executive director may hire staff;
29 the executive director **is** [AND STAFF ARE] in the exempt service under
30 AS 39.25.110 **and staff members are in the classified service under AS 39.25.100;**

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

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

5 (4) coordinate services provided by the Department of Law, the
6 Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Public Safety,
7 the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Corrections, and
8 other state agencies and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual
9 assault, and crisis intervention and prevention, and provide technical assistance as
10 requested by those state agencies and community groups;

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

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

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

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

21 (9) provide fiscal and technical assistance to plan, organize, implement
22 and administer domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and
23 prevention programs;

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

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

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

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

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

11 * **Sec. 5.** AS 39.25.110(38) is amended to read:

12 (38) the executive director [AND STAFF] of the Council on Domestic
13 Violence and Sexual Assault established under AS 18.66.010;

14 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 **ADDITION OF MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND**
17 **SEXUAL ASSAULT AND EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS' TERMS.** (a) The
18 governor shall appoint a new member to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual
19 Assault under AS 18.66.020(a)(1), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, within 30 days after this
20 Act takes effect.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of office of each public
22 member of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault serving under
23 AS 18.66.020(a)(1) on the effective date of this section shall be extended one year.