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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GARDNER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the applicability of the Legislative Ethics Act to legislative interns, legislative volunteers, legislative consultants, legislative independent contractors, sole proprietorships, and other legal entities."

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

* **Section 1.** AS 24.60.112 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 24.60.112. Applicability to legislative interns, volunteers, consultants, and independent contractors. (a) A legislative intern or legislative volunteer shall comply with AS 24.60.030 - 24.60.039, 24.60.060, 24.60.080, 24.60.085, and 24.60.155, and the committee shall apply AS 24.60.158 - 24.60.170, 24.60.176, and 24.60.178 to a legislative intern or legislative volunteer.

(b) A legislative consultant or legislative independent contractor shall comply with AS 24.60.030(a)(1) and (3), 24.60.031(a), 24.60.033, 24.60.060, and 24.60.080(a), (c)(1) - (6), (g), and (j), and the committee shall apply AS 24.60.158 - 24.60.170, 24.60.176, and 24.60.178 to a legislative consultant or legislative

independent contractor.

(c) If a person believes that a legislative intern, legislative volunteer, legislative consultant, or legislative independent contractor has violated a provision of this chapter that is made applicable by this section, the person may file a complaint under AS 24.60.170.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.134(c) is amended to read:

(c) A person under contract to provide personal services to the committee who **does so as** [IS] part of a **sole proprietorship**, corporation, [OR] partnership, **or other legal entity** that includes individuals who will not be participating directly in the work performed by the entity for the committee may request the committee to exclude members of the entity from some or all of the provisions of this section. The committee may grant the request if it finds that

(1) doing so will not lead to the appearance that the committee is subject to undue political influence; and

(2) [IF] there is no appearance of impropriety.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.990(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) "legislative employee" means a person, other than a legislator, who is compensated by the legislative branch in return for **providing** regular or substantial personal services, regardless of the person's pay level or technical status as **full time or part time; "legislative employee"** [A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT; IT INCLUDES PUBLIC MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE; IT] does not include **legislative interns, legislative volunteers, legislative consultants, legislative independent contractors**, individuals who perform functions that are incidental to legislative functions, and other employees designated by the committee;