

**SENATE BILL NO. 65**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/20/19

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;**  
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 44.31.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 **Sec. 44.31.020. Duties of department.** The Department of Labor and  
6 Workforce Development shall

7 (1) enforce the laws and adopt regulations under them concerning  
8 employer-employee relationships, including the safety, hours of work, wages, and  
9 conditions of workers, including children;

10 (2) accumulate, analyze, and report labor statistics;

11 (3) operate systems of workers' compensation and unemployment  
12 insurance;

13 (4) gather data reflecting the cost of living in various locations of the  
14 state upon request of the director of personnel under AS 39.27.030;

1                   (5) operate the federally funded employment and training programs  
2 under 29 U.S.C. 2801 - 2945 (Workforce Investment Act of 1998);

3                   (6) administer the state's program of adult basic education and adopt  
4 regulations to administer the program; [AND]

5                   (7) administer the programs of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center  
6 and adopt regulations to administer the programs, including regulations that set rates  
7 for student tuition and room and board and fees for the programs and services  
8 provided by the department regarding the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; **and**

9                   **(8) coordinate and monitor state career and technical education**  
10 **programs through a cooperative effort with the Department of Education and**  
11 **Early Development, the University of Alaska, and any other entities involved in**  
12 **providing or funding the programs.**

13 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).