

**HOUSE BILL NO. 67**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/20/19

Referred: Education, Labor & 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).