

# ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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### **House Bill 118: EXPANDING PRISONER ACCESS TO COMPUTERS**

#### Sectional Analysis

#### **Section 1**

##### *AS 18.65.310 Identification Cards*

Amends AS 18.65.310 to require that the Department of Administration (DOA) mail a state identification card to a Department of Corrections (DOC) address upon request by an applicant who is serving an active term of imprisonment of more than 120 days.

#### **Section 2**

##### *AS 28.15.101 Expiration and Renewal of Driver's License*

Amends AS 28.15.101 to require that the DOA mail a driver's license renewed by mail to a DOC address upon request by an applicant who is serving an active term of imprisonment of more than 120 days. This section does not require the DOA to issue new driver's licenses.

#### **Section 3**

##### *AS 33.30.011 Duties of Commissioner*

Amends AS 33.30.011 to require the DOC Commissioner and the DOA Commissioner to make a good faith effort to ensure prisoners serving an active term of imprisonment of more than 120 days have a state identification card upon release.

#### **Section 4**

##### *AS 33.30.015 Living Conditions for Prisoners*

Amends AS 33.30.015(a) by deleting the word "computer" from the list of items a prisoner may not possess in their cell, and by adding language to allow prisoners to use a computer for purposes that

facilitate their rehabilitation or compliance with a reentry or case plan, for legal reference materials, visitation, or health care.

## **Section 5**

### *AS 33.30.095 Duties of Commissioner Before Release of Prisoner*

Amends AS 33.30.095 by deleting language that required the DOC provide prisoners with instruction on how to obtain a state identification card before their release.

## **Section 6**

Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2021.