

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement for SB3 version B

De-escalation has been the topic of many conversations as peace officers try solutions around adequately protecting the community. Across the nation there has been a call to prioritize de-escalation techniques to save lives and continue to foster positive relationships between peace officers and the general community.

Senate Bill 3 seeks to allow officers to exhaust all other means before shooting. In the context of this bill, peace officers will be required to de-escalate by using non-lethal methods of engagement before firing at a suspect. Additionally, this bill adds requirements for training in de-escalation techniques.