

SENATE BILL NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR COSTELLO

Introduced: 1/22/21

Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for**
2 **violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.62.310(h) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

5 (4) "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a);

6 (5) "public official" has the meaning given in AS 39.50.200.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.62.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (i) A member of a governmental body who is an elected or appointed public
9 official and who knowingly attends a meeting of the governmental body that violates
10 this section is liable to the state for a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

11 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 APPLICABILITY. AS 44.62.310(h)(4) and (5), added by sec. 1 of this Act, and
14 AS 44.62.310(i), added by sec. 2 of this Act, apply to conduct occurring on or after the

1 effective date of this Act.