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SECTIONAL SUMMARY

<u>Section 1.</u> Establishes the health care professions loan repayment and incentive program in the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of addressing a shortage of certain health care professionals in the state, and for improving the distribution of those professionals. Requires the Commissioner of health and social services to administer the program, to designate and prioritize eligible employment sites, and to monitor the program in consultation with an advisory body established under this section. Provides for maximum combined loan repayment and employment incentives based on the type of employment. Lists professions eligible for participation in the program.

<u>Sections 2 and 3.</u> Allow Advanced Nurse Practitioners to move from Tier II to Tier I classification, contingent upon regulatory action by the Board of Nursing to require a doctorate-level degree for practice in the state. See Section 7 for effective date.

<u>Section 4.</u> Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to prepare and submit a report in 2019 pertaining to the health care professions incentive program established in the bill.

<u>Section 5.</u> Requires the Board of Nursing to notify the revisor of statutes upon adoption of a regulation that requires completion of a degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice in order to practice as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the State of Alaska.

<u>Section 6.</u> Repeals all provisions in the bill that establish the health care professions incentive program on June 30, 2019.

<u>Section 7.</u> Activates Sections 2 and 3 of the bill 30 days after the Board of Nursing notifies the revisor of statutes of the adoption of a regulation detailed in Section 5.

<u>Section 8.</u> Except for the content of Section 7, provides for an immediate effective date for the bill.