

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 282(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:
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Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; and providing for an effective
2 date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01.063(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) The department shall [SUBMIT THE REPORT PREPARED UNDER (e)
6 OF THIS SECTION TO THE JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON OR
7 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL] consolidate the two most recent reports prepared under
9 (e) of this section and submit a biennial report to the legislature on or before the first
10 day of March during the first regular session of each legislature. The department shall
11 deliver a copy of the biennial report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the
12 house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.20.650(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) The committee is composed of

1 (1) five members of the senate, at least **two of whom are members**
2 [ONE OF WHOM IS A MEMBER] of the minority, appointed by the president of the
3 senate;

4 (2) five members of the house of representatives, at least **two of whom**
5 **are members** [ONE OF WHOM IS A MEMBER] of the minority, appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives;

7 (3) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
8 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
9 representatives after considering the recommendations of the Alaska chapters of each
10 of the following organizations:

11 (A) the Association of the United States Army;

12 (B) the Air and Space Forces Association;

13 (C) the Navy League of the United States;

14 (D) the Marine Corps Association;

15 (4) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
16 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives after considering the recommendation of the Seventeenth Coast Guard
18 District Auxiliary;

19 (5) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
20 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
21 representatives after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality
22 of Anchorage;

23 (6) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
24 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
25 representatives after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks
26 North Star Borough;

27 (7) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
28 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
29 representatives after considering the recommendation of the adjutant general of the
30 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; [AND]

31 (8) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is

1 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives after considering the **recommendation** [JOINT
3 RECOMMENDATIONS] of the Alaska Federation of Natives; and

4 **(9) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature,**
5 **who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the**
6 **house of representatives after considering the recommendation of** the Alaska
7 Municipal League.

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20.665(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) **Nine** [EIGHT] members of the Joint Armed Services Committee constitute
10 a quorum.

11 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.20.665 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) The committee shall hold at least one meeting each calendar year at which
13 senior military representatives in the state are invited to brief the committee on
14 military matters in the state.

15 * **Sec. 5.** AS 24.20.670 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (b) The Legislative Affairs Agency shall

17 (1) maintain a list of members and each member's contact information;

18 (2) notify the presiding officers of the house and senate of vacancies
19 and upcoming vacancies of civilian members; and

20 (3) maintain a list of previous recipients awarded the Alaska
21 Decoration of Honor by the legislature and a list of members of the armed services
22 who are eligible to receive the Alaska Decoration of Honor.

23 * **Sec. 6.** AS 24.20.675(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) The Joint Armed Services Committee shall

25 (1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the
26 federal government for bases in the state;

27 (2) [WORK ON SPECIFIC REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES
28 PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR BASES IN THE STATE;

29 (3)] work with the state's congressional delegation, **other state and**
30 **local government organizations, and community groups on military and defense**
31 **issues;**

1 **(3)** [REGARDING FEDERAL MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENTS
2 AND CLOSINGS IN THE STATE;

3 (4) ATTEND MEETINGS AND HEARINGS RELATED TO
4 FEDERAL REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES OF MILITARY BASES IN THE
5 STATE AND PROVIDE TESTIMONY AS NECESSARY;

6 (5) REVIEW THE EFFECT ON THE STATE AND ITS
7 COMMUNITIES OF FEDERAL REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES OF
8 MILITARY BASES IN THE STATE;

9 (6)] monitor the development of the national ballistic missile defense
10 system and work with the congressional delegation of the state, other state and local
11 government organizations, and community groups to advocate and expedite the
12 deployment of the system in this state;

13 **(4)** [(7)] investigate opportunities to increase joint and combined
14 military training in the state;

15 **(5)** [(8)] advocate the stationing of reconfigured power projection
16 forces at bases located in the state; and

17 **(6) support the state's central role in military defense;**

18 **(7) review and recommend state policy responses to national**
19 **defense initiatives and Arctic security initiatives; in this paragraph,**

20 **(A) "Arctic security initiatives" means using the state as a**
21 **strategic base for defense operations, infrastructure development,**
22 **environmental protection, the management of emerging risks such as**
23 **increased shipping, climate change, and international competition, and**
24 **other actions and policies focused on protecting national interests in the**
25 **Arctic;**

26 **(B) "national defense initiatives" means base expansion,**
27 **enhancing surveillance and early warning systems, improving Arctic-**
28 **capable forces, ensuring rapid response to threats in the Arctic and**
29 **northern approaches, and other planned actions and programs carried**
30 **out in the state to strengthen national military readiness and security;**

31 **(8) convene hearings and stakeholder consultations on emerging**

defense issues;

(9) prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature **by December 31 of the year** [ON THE FIRST DAY] of each second regular session.

* **Sec. 7.** AS 44.19.863 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.19.863. Duties of the commission. The commission shall

(1) provide advice, counsel, and actionable recommendations on military issues, and economic and industrial development related to military issues, to the governor, state agencies, the legislature, communities, and the state's congressional delegation;

(2) provide recommendations to expand and grow the current presence of the armed forces in the state, including new bases, expanded missions, and increased training;

(3) plan for state infrastructure needs to support military objectives;

(4) recommend methods to improve private and public employment opportunities for the families of current and former members of the military who reside in the state;

(5) assist and advise communities and the state in the design and execution of programs that enhance communities' relationships with installations of the armed forces of the United States and defense-related businesses, including in the areas of public school education, in-state higher education and training, cultural and recreational community assets, and housing and energy affordability;

(6) advocate for the state in matters related to military expansion decision making by emphasizing the state's strategic location on the globe and existing infrastructure and work to build community support in the state for the armed forces of the United States;

(7) prepare and maintain a strategic plan to

(A) protect the state's existing military missions;

(B) position the state to be competitive for new and expanded military missions;

(C) promote the long-term viability and prosperity of the military and industries related to national defense in the state; and

1 (D) consider all current and anticipated base realignment and
2 closure criteria affecting bases in the state;

3 (8) report to [THE JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND]
4 any special committee of the legislature relating to military and veterans' affairs, if one
5 exists at the time the report is due, issues on the commission's activities over the
6 previous calendar year; the commission shall provide the report in an electronic format
7 and deliver the report by January 31 each year;

8 (9) seek the opinions of each member of the Alaska delegation in
9 Congress on the assistance, advice, advocacy, counsel, plans, and recommendations
10 provided under this section.

11 * **Sec. 8.** AS 24.20.650, 24.20.655, 24.20.660, 24.20.665, 24.20.670, 24.20.675; and
12 AS 26.05.342(d) are repealed.

13 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; TERMINATION AND
16 APPOINTMENT. (a) The terms of the current members of the Joint Armed Services
17 Committee are terminated on the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

18 (b) Current members of the Joint Armed Services Committee may be reappointed.

19 (c) The appointing authorities under AS 24.20.650(b) shall appoint members to the
20 Joint Armed Services Committee under AS 24.20.650(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,
21 within 45 days after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

22 * **Sec. 10.** Sections 1, 7, and 8 of this Act take effect June 30, 2036.