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Sectional Analysis

“An Act relating to police officer training; relating to the duty of law enforcement agencies to report missing persons; establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1: Amends AS 18.65.240(a) by adding a mandatory cultural training to the requirement standards as an appointed police officer and stipulates this training be administered by an indigenous coordinator or entity.

Section 2: Amends AS 18.65.620, stipulating the duty of law enforcement agencies to submit a missing person report to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System within 30 days of an initial report.

Section 3: Amends AS 18.65.630(a) to provide a form to the family, next of kin, or legal guardian of the missing person authorizing the release of medical and dental records to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System at the time of a missing persons report.

Section 4: Amends AS 18.65.630(c) to include submission of medical and dental records of a missing person to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

Section 5: Adds a subsection to AS 18.65.630 which stipulates that when available, law enforcement agencies will submit fingerprints, photographs, and voluntary DNA samples from family members of the missing person to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

Section 6: Amends AS 44.41 by adding Sec. 44.41.023, directing the Department of Public Safety to employ at least four persons to investigate cases involving missing and murdered indigenous peoples and act as liaisons between law enforcement agencies, communities in the state, and federally recognized tribes.

Section 7: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission



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Section 8: Directs the Department of Public Safety to conduct a needs assessment to determine how to increase protective and investigative resources for identifying and reporting cases of missing and murdered indigenous persons within the state criminal justice system. No later than January 1, 2025, the department must submit a written report to the Senate Secretary and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and notify the legislature that the report is ready.

Section 9: Stipulates that police officers with a certificate issued under AS 18.65.240 on or before the effective date of this Act, be granted two years from the effective date of this Act to fulfill the requirements.

Section 10: Sets a sunset date for Section 8 of January 1, 2026.

Section 11: Sets a sunset date for Section 7 of January 1, 2027.

Section 12: Sets an effective date of January 1, 2025.