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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Lynn, Wilson, Kerttula**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to the membership and voting privileges of members of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 44.29.300 is amended to read:

**Sec. 44.29.300. Council established.** There is established in the Department of Health and Social Services the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, consisting of **(16)** [15] members, as follows:

(1) two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority and one of whom shall be a member of the minority;

(2) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the majority and one of whom shall be a member of the minority;

1 (3) 12 [11] members appointed by the governor, as follows:

2 (A) two persons who are employed in the executive branch of  
3 state government, one of whom shall represent the Department of Health  
4 and Social Services and one of whom shall represent the Department of  
5 Education and Early Development;

6 (B) one member of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and  
7 Drug Abuse;

8 (C) one member of the Alaska Mental Health Board;

9 (D) one person recommended by the Alaska Federation of  
10 Natives, Inc.;

11 (E) one person who is an employee of [A COUNSELOR IN] a  
12 secondary school;

13 (F) one person [ADULT] who is active in a [STATEWIDE]  
14 youth organization;

15 (G) one person who has experienced the death by suicide of a  
16 member of the person's family;

17 (H) one person who resides in a rural community in the state  
18 that is not connected by road or the Alaska marine highway to the main road  
19 system of the state;

20 (I) one person who is a member of the clergy; [AND]

21 (J) one person who is enrolled in grade nine, 10, 11, or 12 of  
22 a secondary school in the state; and

23 (K) one public member [UNDER THE AGE OF 18].

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.29.300 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (b) Members of the council appointed under (a)(1) and (2) of this section are  
26 nonvoting members.

27 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.29.330(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The council, by a majority of its voting membership, shall annually elect a  
29 presiding officer and other officers it considers necessary from among its membership.

30 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.29.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (b) Seven voting members of the council constitute a quorum for the

1 transaction of business and the exercise of the powers and duties of the council.

2 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 44.66.010(a)(8) is amended to read:

3 (8) Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (AS 44.29.300) - June 30,

4 2013 [2009];

5 \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).