

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, HOLMES, COGHILL AND WILSON, Herron

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 18.66.020 is amended to read:

**Sec. 18.66.020. Membership, terms, vacancies, and disqualification.** (a) The council consists of

(1) four public members [THREE PERSONS] appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be from a rural area; the governor may consult [AFTER CONSULTATION] with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a nonprofit corporation, in appointing the public members under this paragraph; the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall submit a list to the governor of persons recommended for appointment;

(2) the commissioner of public safety or the designee of the commissioner of public safety;

(3) the commissioner of health and social services or the designee of the commissioner of health and social services;

(4) the commissioner of education and early development or the designee of the commissioner of education and early development; [AND]

(5) the attorney general or the designee of the attorney general; and

(6) the commissioner of corrections or the designee of the commissioner of corrections.

(b) The term of office of a public member appointed under (a)(1) of this section is three [TWO] years. A public member appointed under (a)(1) of this section serves at the pleasure of the governor and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor. The governor may consult [AFTER CONSULTATION] with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on an appointment of a public member made under this subsection.

(c) A person who receives compensation from or is an employee of the State of Alaska or a domestic violence, sexual assault, or crisis intervention or prevention program may not be appointed as a public member of [TO] the council.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.66.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) In this section, "rural area" means a community with a population of 5,500 or less that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or with a population of 1,500 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.66.040 is amended to read:

**Sec. 18.66.040. Meetings and quorum.** The council shall meet at least four times a year. At least one meeting each year shall include a statewide public teleconference hearing. The time and place of a meeting shall be set by the presiding officer or by three members who submit a written request for a meeting to the presiding officer. Five [FOUR] members of the council constitute a quorum.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.66.050 is amended to read:

**Sec. 18.66.050. Duties of the council.** The council shall

(1) hire an executive director, and the executive director may hire staff; the executive director is [AND STAFF ARE] in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 and staff members are in the classified service under AS 39.25.100;

(2) elect one of its members as presiding officer;

1 (3) in consultation with authorities in the field, develop, implement,  
2 maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and  
3 prevention programs, including educational programs, films, and school curricula on  
4 the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault;

5 (4) coordinate services provided by the Department of Law, the  
6 Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Public Safety,  
7 the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Corrections, and  
8 other state agencies and community groups dealing with domestic violence, sexual  
9 assault, and crisis intervention and prevention, and provide technical assistance as  
10 requested by those state agencies and community groups;

11 (5) develop and implement a standardized data collection system on  
12 domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention;

13 (6) conduct public hearings and studies on issues relating to violence,  
14 including domestic violence and sexual assault, and on issues relating to the role of  
15 crisis intervention and prevention;

16 (7) receive and dispense state and federal money and award grants and  
17 contracts from appropriations for the purpose to qualified local community entities for  
18 domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs;

19 (8) oversee and audit domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis  
20 intervention and prevention programs that receive money under this chapter;

21 (9) provide fiscal and technical assistance to plan, organize, implement  
22 and administer domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and  
23 prevention programs;

24 (10) make an annual report to the governor on the activities of the  
25 council, plans of the council for new services and programs, and concerns of the  
26 council, including recommendations for legislation necessary to carry out the purposes  
27 of this chapter; the council shall notify the legislature that the report is available;

28 (11) adopt regulations in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative  
29 Procedure Act) to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to protect the health,  
30 safety, well-being, and privacy of persons receiving services financed with grants or  
31 contracts under this chapter;