

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/13/19

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GIESSEL

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the statewide immunization program; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.09.200(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The commissioner shall

6 (1) establish a procedure [TO PHASE IN THE PROGRAM OVER A
7 THREE-YEAR PERIOD] that provides for participation by an assessable entity;

8 (2) maintain a list of recommended vaccines for inclusion in the
9 program;

10 (3) for each included vaccine, establish the initial vaccine assessment
11 for the first year of the program and thereafter make annual assessments based on the
12 determinations made by the council established under AS 18.09.210;

13 (4) notify assessable entities and other program participants of the
14 annual vaccine assessment for each vaccine included in the program;

(5) devise a method for crediting to assessable entities and other program participants overpayments of vaccine assessments made for reasons related to administrative error, program termination, or lower than anticipated actual usage of the program by covered individuals;

(6) coordinate collective purchases of included vaccines;

(7) establish a procedure for statewide distributions of vaccines purchased under the program; and

(8) review vaccine assessment appeals for error.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.09.220(a) is amended to read:

(a) An assessable entity and other program participant shall [, AFTER BEING PHASED INTO THE PROGRAM UNDER PROCEDURES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER,]

(1) pay to the department the annual combined vaccine assessments as determined under the program for the included vaccines covered by the assessable entity or other program participant for each covered individual on a schedule adopted by the council;

(2) provide information requested by the council to determine the number of covered individuals, actual vaccine usage under the program, and other data necessary to calculate and monitor compliance with the vaccine assessment; and

(3) provide audited financial statements upon request of the council.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.09.230(a) is amended to read:

(a) The vaccine assessment **fund** [ACCOUNT] is created [AS AN ACCOUNT] in the general fund **for the purpose of providing funding for the program. The fund consists of money appropriated to it by the** [. THE] legislature, **including** [MAY APPROPRIATE TO THE ACCOUNT] program receipts attributable to vaccine assessments under AS 18.09.220, **fees under AS 18.09.240,** money from other sources, and interest earned on money in the **fund** [ACCOUNT]. Appropriations to the **fund** [ACCOUNT] do not lapse.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.09.230(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The commissioner shall administer the fund in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may spend money appropriated to the

1 fund for the purposes of the program under AS 18.09.200 and to pay the costs of
2 administering the program without further appropriation.

3 * **Sec. 5.** AS 37.05.146(c)(75) is amended to read:

4 (75) the vaccine assessment **fund** [ACCOUNT] under AS 18.09.230;

5 * **Sec. 6.** AS 18.09.220(e) is repealed.

6 * **Sec. 7.** Section 5, ch. 30, SLA 2014, is repealed.

7 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2019.