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Sectional Analysis for Senate Bill 2 Version B

Section 1. This section amends AS 18.65.220, the statute regarding the powers of the Alaska Police Standards Council by adding a new subsection. It would adopt regulations that require a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, or correctional officer to de-escalate an encounter with a person who resists or responds aggressively to officer contact or arrest by using nondeadly or less lethal means before using deadly force, if de-escalation is safe to attempt. It would also require such officers listed to intervene when the officer knows, or reasonably should know, that another officer is engaged in an act of misconduct, unless the officer cannot intervene safely. That officer also is to immediately report to a supervisor the incident involving another officer engaged in an act of misconduct.

Section 2. This section amends AS 18.65.240(a) the statute regarding Alaska Police Standards Council Standards, setting forth that a person may not be appointed as a police officer, except on a probationary basis, based on completing training regarding domestic violence, and sexual assault, and having the qualifications established for employment. The Council shall prescribe the means of presenting evidence of fulfillment of these requirements.

Section 3. This section amends AS 18.65.240° to deny or revoke the certificate of a police officer who does not meet the standards or who fails to comply with the regulations adopted under AS 18.65.220(b)(1)-(3), or who has been the subject of a substantiated report of an incident involving misconduct filed in accordance with AS 18.65.220(b)(3).

Section 4. This section amends AS 18.65.242(b), the statute regarding standards for municipal correctional, probation, and parole officers, to set a requirement for certification. Conforming language is reflected in section 2 of this bill.

Section 5. This section amends AS 18.65.245, the statute pertaining to denial or revocation of certificate of municipal correctional, correctional, probation, or parole officer with conforming language that reflects section 3 of this bill.

Section 6. This section amends AS 18.65.280(b), the statute regarding Alaska Police Standards Council exceptions to set requirements for police training programs.

Section 7. This section amends AS 18.65.670©, the statute regarding village public safety officer program. Specifically, it sets requirement for training subjects with conforming language that reflects section 6.