

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sectional Analysis for CSSB 23 (SCRA)

Law Enforcement: Registry; Use of Force

Section 1: AS 18.65.220 is amended by adding new subsections (b) which will require a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, pretrial services officer, municipal correctional officer, or correctional officer to report, to a supervisor, when an officer engaged in the use of force against a person. (c) requires that the Council shall maintain a central registry of denied or revoked officer certificates. (d) requires that the Council shall adopt and prepare a report detailing the registry information to the chief clerk of the House of Representatives and the Senate Secretary no later than December 1st of each year. (e) states that upon request, the Council shall assist a Department, an agency, or municipality in developing rules based on recommendations on regulations adopted under (b) of this section.

Section 2: AS 18.65.285 is amended by replacing the word “may” with “shall.”

Section 3: AS 18.65.290(b) is amended by defining “municipal correctional officer.”

Section 4: AS 18.65.290 is amended by defining “pretrial services officers,” and defining “serious physical injury” per AS 11.81.900(b), as well as defining “use of force.”

Section 5: AS 18.65.670(h) is amended by providing training in the subjects set out in 18.65.220(a)(3). These trainings are as follows: physical training, methods of arrest, use of batons, use of chemical defensive weapons, and electronic controls weapons. Instruction is state’s criminal and procedural law, state’s criminal justice system, police procedures, disabilities training, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and response procedures; emergency trauma technician, search and rescue, and rural fire protection specialist trainings.

Section 6: Amends AS 18.65.676 (a) by stating that instruction in disabilities training be outlined in AS 18.65.22 (a) (3). This statute addresses powers of the police standards council.

Section 7: Amends AS 29.71 by adding a new section that outlines the use of force reporting requirement to the Department of Public Safety by a municipality that employs various positions.

Section 8: Amends AS 44.28.020 by adding a new subsection that details that the Department of Public Safety use a form prescribed by Department of Public Safety reporting uses of force for probation officers, parole officers, correctional officers, and pretrial services officers.

Section 9: AS 44.41.020 is amended by adding a new subsection that the Department of Public Safety will submit a report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that relates use of force incidents by state troopers, VSPOs, or regional public safety officers.

Section 10: Amends AS 44.41 to add a new section (b) that states the Department of Public Safety shall prepare a report. (c) The Department of Public Safety will submit the report from the preceding fiscal year to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Senate Secretary. This section asks for the report to be supplied by December 1st of each year.

Section 11: AS 18.65.280(b) is repealed.

Section 12: The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section that applies to employment contracts entered on or after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

Section 13: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section pertaining to transition: employment. This section sets an effective date of sec. 11 of this Act to comply with AS 18.65.240 requirements.

Section 14: Amended by adding a new section regarding regulations of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety, and municipalities that employ a person as a police officer or in a municipality correctional facility to adopt and publish regulations from section 7-10 from this Act by January 1, 2024.

Section 15: Section 14 provides for an effective date under AS 01.10.070(c).

Section 16: Except as provided in section 15, this act will be effective on July 1, 2023.