

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/17/23

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KIEHL, Tobin, Dunbar

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address**
2 **confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.21.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.21.020. Duties of department.** The Department of Administration
6 shall

7 (1) make surveys and studies to improve administrative procedures,
8 methods, and organization;

9 (2) keep general accounts;

10 (3) approve vouchers and disburse funds for all purposes;

11 (4) operate centralized purchasing and supply services, and necessary
12 storerooms and warehouses;

13 (5) [REPEALED

14 (6)] supervise telephone, mailing, messenger, duplicating, and similar

services adaptable to centralized management;

(6) [(7)] administer the public employees' retirement system and teachers' retirement system;

(7) [(8)] administer a statewide personnel program, including central personnel services such as recruitment, assessment, position classification, and pay administration;

(8) [(9)] administer and supervise a statewide automatic data processing program;

(9) [(10)] study, design, implement, and manage the telecommunications systems and services of the state under AS 44.21.305 - 44.21.330;

(10) establish and administer the address confidentiality program under AS 44.21.022.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 44.21.022. Address confidentiality program. (a) The address confidentiality program is established in the department to protect the confidentiality of the address of an individual enrolled in the program.

(b) The department shall

(1) establish and administer the program;

(2) designate a post office box as a substitute mailing address for an individual enrolled in the program;

(3) forward the mail of an individual enrolled in the program from the post office box designated under (2) of this subsection to the individual's residential street address, post office box, school address, or work address as specified on the individual's application for enrollment in the program;

(4) maintain the confidentiality of the address of an individual enrolled in the program; and

(5) adopt regulations establishing a procedure for a qualified individual under (c) of this section to enroll in or withdraw from the program.

(c) The following individuals may enroll in the program:

(1) a victim of a crime involving domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault if

1 (A) a court has issued a protective order on behalf of the
2 victim; or

3 (B) the victim meets other standards set by the department;

4 (2) a guardian of a minor, if a court has issued a protective order on
5 behalf of the minor;

6 (3) a peace officer;

7 (4) a correctional officer; and

8 (5) a household member of an individual specified under (1) - (4) of
9 this subsection who is enrolled in the program.

10 (d) A state or municipal agency shall allow an individual enrolled in the
11 program to use the post office box designated by the department under (b)(2) of this
12 section as the individual's mailing address.

13 (e) The department shall remove an individual enrolled in the program under
14 (c)(1) or (2) of this section, or under (c)(5) of this section if the individual is a
15 household member of a person enrolled in the program under (c)(1) or (2) of this
16 section, from the program five years after the expiration of the protective order issued
17 on behalf of the victim or minor. The department shall remove an individual enrolled
18 in the program under (c)(3) or (4) of this section, or under (c)(5) of this section if the
19 individual is a household member of a person enrolled in the program under (c)(3) or
20 (4) of this section, from the program five years after the last day the individual or
21 individual's household member is employed as a peace officer or correctional officer.

22 (f) The department may not collect a registration fee from an individual
23 qualified under (c) of this section to enroll in the program.

24 (g) The department shall disclose an individual's address to a peace officer in
25 response to a search warrant issued by a state or federal court.

26 (h) A person who discloses information that is confidential under this section
27 about an individual enrolled in the program under (c) of this section is guilty of a class
28 B misdemeanor if the person

29 (1) is authorized to access the address confidentiality program database
30 and recklessly discloses the information to the respondent of a protective order;

31 (2) is not authorized to access the address confidentiality program

1 database and knowingly discloses the information to the respondent of a protective
2 order; or

3 (3) accesses the address confidentiality program database without
4 authorization to access the database and recklessly discloses the information.

5 (i) In this section,

6 (1) "correctional officer" means a person

7 (A) appointed by the commissioner of corrections whose
8 primary duty under AS 33.30 is to provide custody, care, security, control, and
9 discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses against the state or held
10 under authority of state law;

11 (B) employed in a correctional facility in this state whose
12 primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and discipline of
13 persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority of law; or

14 (C) employed full time in a municipal correctional facility
15 whose primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and
16 discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority
17 of law, and the correctional facility is located in a municipality that has
18 adopted AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290 by ordinance under AS 18.65.285;

19 (2) "crime involving domestic violence" has the meaning given in
20 AS 18.66.990;

21 (3) "department" means the Department of Administration;

22 (4) "household member" means an adult or minor who lives in the
23 same residence as an individual enrolled in the program;

24 (5) "peace officer" has the meaning given in AS 01.10.060;

25 (6) "program" means the address confidentiality program.

26 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
27 read:

28 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Administration may adopt
29 regulations necessary to implement AS 44.21.022, enacted by sec. 2 of this Act. The
30 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) but not before the
31 effective date of the law being implemented by the regulation.

- 1 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
- 2 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2024.