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Alaska State Legislature

HB 234

Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to police officer training; establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: Amends AS 18.65.240(a) by adding a mandatory cultural training to the requirement standards as an appointed police officer and stipulates this training be administered by an indigenous coordinator or entity.

Section 2: Amends AS 44.41 by adding Sec. 44.41.023, directing the Department of Public Safety to employ at least two individuals to investigate cases involving missing and murdered indigenous peoples and act as liaisons between law enforcement agencies, communities in the state, and federally recognized tribes.

Section 3: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission

Section 4: Directs the Department of Public Safety to conduct a needs assessment to determine how to increase protective and investigative resources for identifying and reporting cases of missing and murdered indigenous persons within the state criminal justice system. No later than January 1, 2025, the department must submit a written report to the Senate Secretary and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and notify the legislature that the report is ready.

Section 5: Stipulates that police officers with a certificate issued under AS 18.65.240 on or before the effective date of this Act, be granted two years from the effective date of this Act to fulfill the requirements.

Section 6: Sets a sunset date for Section 4 of January 1, 2026

Section 7: Sets a sunset date for Section 3 of January 1, 2027

Section 8: Sets an effective date of January 1, 2025