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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act relating to long-term plans of certain state agencies and recommendations
2 regarding elimination of duplication in state agency functions."**

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

4 * Section 1. AS 44.66 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 ARTICLE 2. LONG-TERM AGENCY PLANS.

6 Sec. 44.66.110. LONG-TERM AGENCY PLANS. (a) Each principal
**7 department of the executive branch, the judicial branch, and the University of Alaska
8 shall develop a long-term plan for its operation and issue the plan by October 1 of
9 each year. The plan must cover a period of six years beginning on the date it is
10 issued. One copy of each plan shall be sent to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
11 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the
12 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and the director of the office of management
13 and budget. The plan must contain each of the following items or an explanation of
14 why a particular item does not apply:**

1 (1) a statement of the goals of the agency and of the particular
2 programs the agency administers;

3 (2) an analysis of workload and of the results achieved by the agency
4 and by programs administered by the agency;

5 (3) an identification of the numbers and types of persons served by the
6 agency and a projection of expected changes in those numbers and types;

7 (4) an explanation of the ways in which agency resources are used to
8 meet current needs, an explanation of needs not being met due to shortage of
9 resources, a projection of expected changes in those needs, and an analysis of the
10 resources that may be necessary to meet future needs;

11 (5) an explanation of expected changes in the services provided by the
12 agency due to recent or anticipated changes in state or federal law;

13 (6) an explanation of the service delivery systems to rural and bush
14 Alaska including the use of field offices and centralized service delivery;

15 (7) strategies for achieving the goals of the agency and improving
16 program functions; and

17 (8) other information necessary for the long-term planning of the
18 agency.

19 (b) The director of the office of management and budget shall develop forms
20 and instructions for the use of agencies in preparing the long-term plans. The judicial
21 branch, the University of Alaska, and the governor shall work with the office of
22 management and budget in developing the goals identified under (a)(1) of this section.
23 The goals for the executive branch are subject to approval by the office of
24 management and budget and shall be approved by the office for use in the plans by
25 July 1 of each year. The judicial branch, the University of Alaska, and each of the
26 principal departments shall work with the office of management and budget to develop
27 measures of workload and results for use under (a)(2) of this section.

28 (c) By May 1 of each year, the office of management and budget shall provide
29 to the judicial branch, the University of Alaska, and each principal department
30 information about the state's economy and population together with forecasted changes
31 in the economy and population for use in preparing the long-term plans. At the same

1 time, the governor shall provide to those entities an explanation of statewide goals the
2 governor supports.

3 Sec. 44.66.120. COMPILATION OF THE STATE LONG-TERM PLAN. (a)
4 The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and the office of management and
5 budget shall review each long-term plan submitted under AS 44.66.110 and may
6 request additional information regarding a plan from the agency that prepared it. The
7 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee may hold hearings on a plan and request
8 testimony from the agency or from members of the public. After reviewing each plan,
9 the office of management and budget shall compile a single long-term plan for the
10 judicial and executive branches of state government. The compilation must include
11 the plan for the judicial branch as submitted by the judicial branch.

12 (b) The compiled long-term plan shall be delivered to the governor, the
13 lieutenant governor, and each legislator by December 15 of each year. Four copies
14 shall be sent to the state library and two to the legislative reference library. The
15 governor and the legislature shall consider the plan when developing the state budget.
16 When conducting performance audits, the legislative auditor shall consider the degree
17 to which an agency conforms to the plan.

18 Sec. 44.66.130. ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATION. In conjunction with the
19 review of long-term plans under AS 44.66.120(a), the Legislative Budget and Audit
20 Committee and the office of management and budget shall evaluate laws that require
21 state agencies to perform functions, provide services, or compile planning information
22 and shall recommend legislation needed to eliminate duplication. The
23 recommendations shall be submitted to the legislature by December 15 of each year.

24 * **Sec. 2.** APPLICATION. AS 44.66.110 - 44.66.130, added by sec. 1 of this Act, apply
25 only in 1996 and thereafter. Notwithstanding AS 44.66.110(a), added by sec. 1 of this Act,
26 on October 1, 1996, a long-term plan shall be issued only by the three principal departments
27 of the executive branch that are selected by the office of management and budget.