

SENATE BILL NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to authorizing the Department of Corrections to provide an
2 automated victim notification and prisoner information system."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 12.61 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 12.61.050. Automated victim notification system.** (a) The Department
6 of Corrections may establish an automated victim notification system that automatically
7 provides crime victims with notice by telephone when there is a change in the status
8 of their offender. The system may also allow crime victims to initiate telephone calls
9 to the system to receive the latest status report for their offender. An automated victim
10 notification system established under this section satisfies the duty of a state agency
11 to notify a crime victim of the change in status of an offender. The failure of a system
12 to provide notice to a crime victim does not give rise to a separate cause of action by
13 the crime victim against the state, an agency of the state, or a municipality, or the
14 officers, employees, or contractors of the state, agency of the state, or municipality.

1 (b) Each department and each municipality shall cooperate with the
2 Department of Corrections in establishing and maintaining an automated victim
3 notification system authorized under this section.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 33.30.013 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (f) The commissioner's duty under (a) - (c) of this section to notify a victim
6 of a change in the status of an offender is satisfied by the notice provided by an
7 automated victim notification system if such a system has been established by the
8 commissioner under AS 12.61.050.

9 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.28.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) The department may establish an automated inmate information system to
11 allow persons to place surcharge telephone calls to obtain information concerning
12 inmates and where they are incarcerated, bail and bond information, and information
13 concerning visiting hours at institutions. A system established under this subsection
14 (1) must be designed so that all the costs of the system are, at a minimum, met by the
15 revenues received from calls to the system, and (2) shall be designed so that the
16 revenues received satisfy or defray the costs of establishing and maintaining an
17 automated victim notification system if such a system is established under
18 AS 12.61.050.