

SENATE BILL NO. 142

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR TORGERSON

Introduced: 3/14/01

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act giving notice of and approving a lease-purchase agreement with the City of**
2 **Seward for the construction of an addition to the Spring Creek Correctional Center for**
3 **the purpose of providing secure classroom facilities and housing for prisoners**
4 **committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections; and setting conditions and**
5 **limitations on the facility's construction and operation."**

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

7 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
8 to read:

9 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

10 (1) the state and the commissioner of corrections have certain constitutional
11 and statutory duties to attempt to reform and rehabilitate prisoners and to provide educational
12 and other opportunities to improve the opportunity for the eventual successful reintegration of
13 those prisoners into society;

1 (2) the Spring Creek Correctional Center has a successful pilot program that is
2 intended to achieve these goals;

3 (3) school age under AS 14.03.070 extends until a person attains 20 years of
4 age if that person has not completed the 12th grade; and

5 (4) more than 400 inmates statewide are under 21 years of age and could
6 benefit from educational programs.

7 (b) The purpose of this Act is to provide educational opportunities for prisoners
8 committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections and especially to provide those
9 opportunities to prisoners of school age through the pilot program that has been implemented
10 at Spring Creek Correctional Center.

11 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 NOTICE AND APPROVAL OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT. (a) To
14 provide for the construction of a correctional facility and to provide secure classroom
15 facilities and housing for prisoners transferred to Spring Creek Correctional Facility to use
16 those facilities, the Department of Administration, on behalf of the Department of
17 Corrections, may enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the City of Seward under
18 AS 33.30.031 for the construction of an addition to the Spring Creek Correctional Center that
19 will provide secure classroom facilities and housing for prisoners who are committed to the
20 custody of the commissioner of corrections. The project approval given by this subsection is
21 subject to the following limitations:

22 (1) the total construction and related costs of the addition to the correctional
23 facility may not exceed \$15,000,000;

24 (2) the total lease payments for the full term of the agreement may not exceed
25 \$28,320,000, and the anticipated annual amount of the rental obligation to be paid by the
26 Department of Corrections under the lease may not exceed \$1,621,200;

27 (3) at the end of the term of the lease-purchase agreement, the state shall own
28 the correctional facility; and

29 (4) the addition must be designed and constructed so as to provide secure
30 classroom facilities and housing for prisoners transferred to Spring Creek Correctional Center
31 to use those facilities; not fewer than 150 additional beds shall be constructed.

1 (b) Subsection (a) of this section constitutes the notice and approval required by
2 AS 36.30.085.