

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRAWFORD

Introduced: 1/21/03

Referred: Labor and Commerce, State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to publicly owned correctional facilities."**

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

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

5 **AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SPACE WITH**
6 **MUNICIPALITIES.** (a) To relieve overcrowding of existing correctional facilities in the
7 state and the extensive use of out-of-state correctional facilities, the Department of
8 Corrections may enter into agreements with the following municipalities for new or expanded
9 correctional facilities:

10 (1) Fairbanks North Star Borough - expansion of existing facility by up to 100
11 beds;

12 (2) Matanuska-Susitna Borough - expansion of existing facility by up to 370
13 beds;

14 (3) City and Borough of Juneau - expansion of existing facility by up to 64
15 beds;

- 1 (4) Bethel - expansion of existing facility by up to 96 beds;
2 (5) Ketchikan Gateway Borough - expansion of existing facility by up to 100
3 beds or construction of new facility with up to 100 beds;
4 (6) Seward - expansion of existing facility by up to 150 beds;
5 (7) Kenai Peninsula Borough - expansion of existing facility by up to 256
6 beds.

7 (b) The authorizations given by (a) of this section are subject to the following
8 conditions:

9 (1) the average capital cost for all beds may not exceed \$155,000 a bed,
10 adjusted for inflation at the rate of three percent a year from the effective date of this Act;

11 (2) if construction of a new facility is authorized, the municipality shall own
12 the facility, and the state may enter into a long-term lease not to exceed 20 years with the
13 municipality to operate the facility; the annual lease payment for a new facility may not
14 exceed \$16,700 a bed;

15 (3) if expansion of an existing facility is authorized, the state shall enter into a
16 joint ownership agreement with the municipality of the expanded facility, enter into a long-
17 term lease not to exceed 20 years of the municipality's interest in the facility, and operate the
18 facility; payments under the lease may not exceed the amount listed in (2) of this subsection;

19 (4) the agreement to lease must contain terms providing that the commissioner of corrections
20 may terminate for cause any contract for operating the facility.