

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/27/09

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Lynn, Wilson, Kerttula

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the membership and voting privileges of members of the Statewide
2 Suicide Prevention Council; extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide
3 Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 44.29.300 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 44.29.300. Council established.** There is established in the Department of
7 Health and Social Services the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, consisting of **16**
8 [15] members, as follows:

9 (1) two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate
10 [, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE MAJORITY AND ONE OF
11 WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE MINORITY];

12 (2) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
13 speaker of the house of representatives, [ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER
14 OF THE MAJORITY AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE

1 MINORITY];

2 (3) **12** [11] members appointed by the governor, as follows:

3 (A) two persons who are employed in the executive branch of
4 state government, **one of whom shall represent the Department of Health**
5 **and Social Services and one of whom shall represent the Department of**
6 **Education and Early Development;**

7 (B) one member of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and
8 Drug Abuse;

9 (C) one member of the Alaska Mental Health Board;

10 (D) one person recommended by the Alaska Federation of
11 Natives, Inc.;

12 (E) one person who is **an employee of** [A COUNSELOR IN] a
13 secondary school;

14 (F) one **person** [ADULT] who is active in a [STATEWIDE]
15 youth organization;

16 (G) one person who has experienced the death by suicide of a
17 member of the person's family;

18 (H) one person who resides in a rural community in the state
19 that is not connected by road or the Alaska marine highway to the main road
20 system of the state;

21 (I) one person who is a member of the clergy; [AND]

22 (J) one person who is **enrolled in grade nine, 10, 11, or 12 of**
23 **a secondary school in the state; and**

24 **(K) one public member** [UNDER THE AGE OF 18].

25 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.29.300 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (b) Members of the council appointed under (a)(1) and (2) of this section are
27 nonvoting members.

28 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.29.330(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The council, by a majority of its **voting** membership, shall annually elect a
30 presiding officer and other officers it considers necessary from among its membership.

31 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.29.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (b) Seven voting members of the council constitute a quorum for the
2 transaction of business and the exercise of the powers and duties of the council.

3 * **Sec. 5.** AS 44.66.010(a)(8) is amended to read:

4 (8) Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (AS 44.29.300) - June 30,
5 2013 [2009];

6 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).