

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/27/09

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, Therriault

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
8 (16) [15] members, as follows:

9 (1) two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the
10 senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority and one of whom shall be a
11 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 of the
14 majority and one of whom shall be a member of the minority;

1 (3) **(12)** [11] members appointed by the governor, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (b) Seven voting members of the council constitute a quorum for the

1 transaction of business and the exercise of the powers and duties of the council.

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

3 (8) Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (AS 44.29.300) - June 30,

4 2013 [2009];

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