

**SENATE BILL NO. 212**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR MCGUIRE**

**Introduced: 2/21/12**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to crimes of human trafficking; establishing the Human Trafficking**  
2 **Task Force to evaluate services available to victims of human trafficking; and relating to**  
3 **the recommendations and report of the task force."**

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

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

7 HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE. (a) The Human Trafficking Task Force is  
8 established in the Department of Law. The attorney general, or the attorney general's  
9 designee, shall serve as the chair of the task force. The task force consists of representatives  
10 of the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health  
11 and Social Services. The task force shall examine the prevalence of the crimes of human  
12 trafficking in the state and the services that are available to victims of the crimes of human  
13 trafficking under AS 11.41.360 and 11.41.365.

14 (b) The task force established in (a) of this section shall submit a report to the

1 legislature by January 15, 2013. The report must include a current assessment of services  
2 currently available to victims of human trafficking, recommendations for improving services  
3 to victims of human trafficking, and the following information:

4 (1) the number of human trafficking cases reported to state and local law  
5 enforcement agencies in the state since 2007;

6 (2) the number of human trafficking cases prosecuted under Alaska law;

7 (3) the number of human trafficking cases state and local law enforcement  
8 agencies have investigated in cooperation with federal law enforcement agencies;

9 (4) the services currently available in the state to victims of human trafficking,  
10 including services provided by state agencies, federal agencies, or nongovernmental agencies  
11 relating to

12 (A) medical or psychological counseling;

13 (B) emergency shelter;

14 (C) translation;

15 (D) other assistance related to safe housing and legal services.

16 (c) The task force established in (a) of this section shall solicit information and input  
17 from local, state, and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested  
18 persons. The task force shall hold at least one public meeting and shall provide reasonable  
19 public notice, teleconference capability, and an opportunity for interested organizations,  
20 groups, or individuals to provide written or oral comments. Minutes of meetings and written  
21 comments provided to the task force shall be included in the report provided under (b) of this  
22 section.

23 (d) The members of the task force shall be employees of their respective agencies,  
24 designated by the attorney general, the commissioner of public safety, or the commissioner of  
25 health and social services. Expenses, other than the personnel expenses, of the members of the  
26 task force shall be shared by the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, and the  
27 Department of Health and Social Services.

28 \* **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 1, 2013.