

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 212(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/26/12

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR MCGUIRE

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, the Department of Health and
11 Social Services, and two members, appointed by the governor, representing nongovernmental
12 health and social services organizations that provide services to victims of human trafficking.
13 The task force shall examine the prevalence of the crimes of human trafficking in the state
14 and the services that are available to victims of the crimes of human trafficking under

1 AS 11.41.360 and 11.41.365.

2 (b) The task force established in (a) of this section shall submit a report to the
3 legislature by January 15, 2013. The report must include a current assessment of services
4 currently available to victims of human trafficking, recommendations for improving services
5 to victims of human trafficking, and the following information:

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

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

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

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

14 (A) medical or psychological counseling;

15 (B) emergency shelter;

16 (C) translation;

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

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

25 (d) The state agency members of the task force shall be employees of their respective
26 agencies, designated by the attorney general, the commissioner of public safety, or the
27 commissioner of health and social services. Expenses, other than the personnel expenses, of
28 the state agency members of the task force shall be shared by the Department of Law, the
29 Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health and Social Services. The
30 nongovernmental health and social service organizations whose members are appointed by the
31 governor shall be responsible for their members' costs in participating on the task force.

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