

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to the Department of**
2 **Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.65.220 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 18.65.220. Powers.** The council has the power to

6 (1) adopt regulations for the administration of AS 18.65.130 -
7 18.65.290;

8 (2) establish minimum standards for employment as a police officer,
9 probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, and correctional
10 officer in a permanent or probationary position and certify persons to be qualified as
11 police officers, probation officers, parole officers, municipal correctional officers, and
12 correctional officers under AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290;

13 (3) establish minimum criminal justice curriculum requirements for
14 basic, specialized, and in-service courses and programs for schools operated by or for

the state or a political subdivision of the state for the specific purpose of training police recruits, police officers, probation officers, parole officers, municipal correctional officers, and correctional officers; the curriculum requirements established under this paragraph must include training in

(A) recognizing persons with disabilities;

(B) appropriate interactions with persons with disabilities;

(C) resources available to persons with disabilities and to those interacting with persons with disabilities; [AND]

(D) the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 12131 - 12165 (Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990); and

(E) government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes in the state;

(4) consult and cooperate with municipalities, agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, and correctional officer training schools and programs of criminal justice instruction;

(5) employ an administrator and other persons necessary to carry out its duties under AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290;

(6) investigate when there is reason to believe that a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, or correctional officer does not meet the minimum standards for employment; in connection with the investigation the council may subpoena persons, books, records, or documents related to the investigation and require answers in writing under oath to questions asked by the council or the administrator;

(7) charge and collect a fee of \$50 for processing applications for certification of police, probation, parole, municipal correctional, and correctional officers;

(8) require a state and national criminal history record check for an applicant to a training program established in AS 18.65.230 and for a person to be certified as a police officer under AS 18.65.240 if that person's prospective employer

1 does not have access to a criminal justice information system.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.41 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **Sec. 44.41.015. Liaisons for missing and murdered indigenous women. (a)**

4 The Department of Public Safety shall employ two persons in the department to act as
5 liaisons between law enforcement agencies and federally recognized tribes and to
6 investigate cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women.

7 (b) Each liaison shall facilitate communication between

8 (1) federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal
9 communities; and

10 (2) federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.41.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) The department shall establish and require state and local law enforcement
13 agencies to use standardized methods for investigating a missing person report
14 involving an indigenous woman.

15 * **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2021.