

**SENATE BILL NO. 37**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS GIESSEL, Kiehl, Wilson, Stevens

Introduced: 1/25/18

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the statewide immunization program."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.09.200(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The commissioner shall

5 (1) establish a procedure [TO PHASE IN THE PROGRAM OVER A  
6 THREE-YEAR PERIOD] that provides for participation by an assessable entity;

7 (2) maintain a list of recommended vaccines for inclusion in the  
8 program;

9 (3) for each included vaccine, establish the initial vaccine assessment  
10 for the first year of the program and thereafter make annual assessments based on the  
11 determinations made by the council established under AS 18.09.210;

12 (4) notify assessable entities and other program participants of the  
13 annual vaccine assessment for each vaccine included in the program;

14 (5) devise a method for crediting to assessable entities and other  
15 program participants overpayments of vaccine assessments made for reasons related to

1 administrative error, program termination, or lower than anticipated actual usage of  
2 the program by covered individuals;

3 (6) coordinate collective purchases of included vaccines;

4 (7) establish a procedure for statewide distributions of vaccines  
5 purchased under the program; and

6 (8) review vaccine assessment appeals for error.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.09.220(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) An assessable entity and other program participant shall [, AFTER BEING  
9 PHASED INTO THE PROGRAM UNDER PROCEDURES APPROVED BY THE  
10 COMMISSIONER,]

11 (1) pay to the department the annual combined vaccine assessments as  
12 determined under the program for the included vaccines covered by the assessable  
13 entity or other program participant for each covered individual on a schedule adopted  
14 by the council;

15 (2) provide information requested by the council to determine the  
16 number of covered individuals, actual vaccine usage under the program, and other data  
17 necessary to calculate and monitor compliance with the vaccine assessment; and

18 (3) provide audited financial statements upon request of the council.

19 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.09.220(e) is repealed.

20 \* **Sec. 4.** Section 5, ch. 30, SLA 2014, is repealed.