

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for**
2 **an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.21.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.21.020. Duties of department.** The Department of Administration
6 shall

7 (1) make surveys and studies to improve administrative procedures,
8 methods, and organization;

9 (2) keep general accounts;

10 (3) approve vouchers and disburse funds for all purposes;

11 (4) operate centralized purchasing and supply services, and necessary
12 storerooms and warehouses;

13 (5) [REPEALED

14 (6)] supervise telephone, mailing, messenger, duplicating, and similar

1 services adaptable to centralized management;

2 (6) [(7)] administer the public employees' retirement system and
3 teachers' retirement system;

4 (7) [(8)] administer a statewide personnel program, including central
5 personnel services such as recruitment, assessment, position classification, and pay
6 administration;

7 (8) [(9)] administer and supervise a statewide automatic data
8 processing program;

9 (9) [(10)] study, design, implement, and manage the
10 telecommunications systems and services of the state under AS 44.21.305 - 44.21.330;

11 **(10) establish and administer the address confidentiality program**
12 **under AS 44.21.022** [(11) REPEALED].

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 **Sec. 44.21.022. Address confidentiality program.** (a) The address
15 confidentiality program is established in the department to protect the confidentiality
16 of the address of an individual enrolled in the program.

17 (b) The department shall

18 (1) establish and administer the program;

19 (2) designate a post office box as a substitute mailing address for an
20 individual enrolled in the program;

21 (3) forward the mail of an individual enrolled in the program from the
22 post office box designated under (2) of this subsection to the individual's residential
23 street address, post office box, school address, or work address as specified on the
24 individual's application for enrollment in the program;

25 (4) maintain the confidentiality of the address of an individual enrolled
26 in the program; and

27 (5) adopt regulations establishing a procedure for a qualified individual
28 under (c) of this section to enroll in or withdraw from the program.

29 (c) The following individuals may enroll in the program:

30 (1) a victim of a crime involving domestic violence, stalking, or sexual
31 assault if

1 (A) a court has issued a protective order on behalf of the
2 victim; or

3 (B) the victim meets other standards set by the department;

4 (2) a guardian of a minor, if a court has issued a protective order on
5 behalf of the minor;

6 (3) a peace officer;

7 (4) a correctional officer; and

8 (5) a household member of an individual specified under (1) - (4) of
9 this subsection who is enrolled in the program.

10 (d) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, a person with a duty to register under
11 AS 12.63.010 may not enroll in the program.

12 (e) A state or municipal agency shall allow an individual enrolled in the
13 program to use the post office box designated by the department under (b)(2) of this
14 section as the individual's mailing address.

15 (f) The length of initial enrollment in the program is five years. If an
16 individual enrolled in the program does not renew the individual's enrollment in the
17 program every five years, the department shall remove the individual from the
18 program. The department shall remove an individual enrolled in the program if, during
19 the time of the individual's enrollment in the program, the individual is required to
20 register under AS 12.63.010.

21 (g) The department may not collect a registration fee from an individual
22 qualified under (c) of this section to enroll in the program.

23 (h) The department shall disclose an individual's address to a peace officer in
24 response to a search warrant issued by a state or federal court.

25 (i) A person who discloses information that is confidential under this section
26 about an individual enrolled in the program under (c) of this section is guilty of a class
27 B misdemeanor if the person

28 (1) is authorized to access the address confidentiality program database
29 and recklessly discloses the information to the respondent of a protective order;

30 (2) is not authorized to access the address confidentiality program
31 database and knowingly discloses the information to the respondent of a protective

1 order; or

2 (3) accesses the address confidentiality program database without
3 authorization to access the database and recklessly discloses the information.

4 (j) In this section,

5 (1) "correctional officer" means a person

6 (A) appointed by the commissioner of corrections whose
7 primary duty under AS 33.30 is to provide custody, care, security, control, and
8 discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses against the state or held
9 under authority of state law;

10 (B) employed in a correctional facility in this state whose
11 primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and discipline of
12 persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority of law; or

13 (C) employed full time in a municipal correctional facility
14 whose primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and
15 discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority
16 of law, and the correctional facility is located in a municipality that has
17 adopted AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290 by ordinance under AS 18.65.285;

18 (2) "crime involving domestic violence" has the meaning given in
19 AS 18.66.990;

20 (3) "department" means the Department of Administration;

21 (4) "household member" means an adult or minor who lives in the
22 same residence as an individual enrolled in the program;

23 (5) "peace officer" has the meaning given in AS 01.10.060;

24 (6) "program" means the address confidentiality program.

25 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Administration may adopt
28 regulations necessary to implement AS 44.21.022, enacted by sec. 2 of this Act. The
29 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) but not before the
30 effective date of the law being implemented by the regulation.

31 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

1 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2026.