

**SENATE BILL NO. 177**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduced: 4/22/25**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the elimination or modification of state agency publications that are**  
2 **outdated, duplicative, or excessive."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 03.40.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 03.40.090. Publication of record.** The commissioner shall publish, in  
6 book form, a list of all brands and marks on record at the time of the publication. The  
7 lists may be supplemented from time to time. The publication must contain a facsimile  
8 of all recorded brands and marks, together with the owner's name and mailing address.  
9 The records shall be arranged in convenient form for reference. **The publication must**  
10 **be made available for download on the Internet website of the division of the**  
11 **department with responsibility for agriculture** [THE BOOKS AND  
12 SUPPLEMENTS MAY BE SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT AN AMOUNT  
13 NOT TO EXCEED \$2 A COPY].

14 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.42.035(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) The commission may require the institutions of public and private higher  
 2 education and other institutions of postsecondary education in the state to submit data  
 3 on costs, selection, and retention of students, enrollments, education outcomes, plant  
 4 capacities and use, and other matters pertinent to effective planning and coordination  
 5 [, AND SHALL FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE MATTERS  
 6 TO THE GOVERNOR, TO THE LEGISLATURE, AND TO OTHER STATE AND  
 7 FEDERAL AGENCIES AS REQUESTED BY THEM].

8 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.130(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Money accruing to the state from waterfowl conservation tag fees from  
 10 hunters may not be diverted to a purpose other than (1) the conservation and  
 11 enhancement of waterfowl; (2) the acquisition, by lease or otherwise, of wetlands that  
 12 are important for waterfowl and public use of waterfowl in the state; (3) waterfowl  
 13 related projects approved by the commissioner; (4) the administration of the waterfowl  
 14 conservation program; and (5) emergencies in the state as determined by the governor.  
 15 The department shall maintain a state waterfowl tag fee account within the fish and  
 16 game fund to permit separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of  
 17 money derived from the sale of waterfowl tags. [THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
 18 PREPARE A REPORT BEFORE APRIL 15 OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR  
 19 FOR THE PUBLIC AND THE LEGISLATURE ON THE USE OF MONEY  
 20 DERIVED FROM WATERFOWL CONSERVATION TAGS AND LIMITED  
 21 EDITION PRINTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE  
 22 THAT THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE.]

23 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.67.170 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 18.67.170. Reports.** The board shall prepare and transmit to the governor,  
 25 in each odd-numbered year, a biennial report of its activities under this chapter  
 26 including [A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FACTS IN EACH CASE AND] the  
 27 amount of compensation awarded during the preceding two-year period. The board  
 28 shall notify the legislature that the report is available.

29 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 19.30.400(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall conduct the necessary research  
 31 to identify rights-of-way that have been accepted by public users under former 43

1 U.S.C. 932 and that have not been previously identified [, AND SHALL ANNUALLY  
 2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE FIRST DAY OF EACH REGULAR  
 3 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT HAVE BEEN  
 4 IDENTIFIED AND THAT ARE NOT LISTED IN THIS SECTION].

5 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 33.30.017(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The commissioner shall

7 (1) charge each prisoner who possesses at least one major electrical  
 8 appliance the utility fee established in (a) of this section; the commissioner may  
 9 deduct the utility fee monthly from the account established for a prisoner into which  
 10 money due the prisoner for labor is paid; if a prisoner is indigent, the commissioner  
 11 shall make the deduction from any amount credited to the indigent inmate's account;

12 (2) if available from legislative appropriation, expend money deducted  
 13 and collected under (1) of this subsection to offset the cost of the department's utility  
 14 expenses [; THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT ON THE  
 15 AMOUNTS THAT ARE COLLECTED AND EXPENDED UNDER THIS  
 16 PARAGRAPH].

17 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 37.13.170 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 37.13.170. Reports and publications.** By September 30 of each year, the  
 19 board shall publish a report of the fund for distribution to the governor and the public.  
 20 The board shall notify the legislature that the report is available. The report shall be  
 21 written in easily understandable language. The report must include financial  
 22 statements audited by independent outside auditors, a statement of the amount of  
 23 money received by the fund from each investment during the period covered, a  
 24 statement of investments of the fund including an appraisal at market value, a  
 25 description of fund investment activity during the period covered by the report, a  
 26 comparison of the fund performance with the intended goals contained in  
 27 AS 37.13.020, an examination of the effect of the investment criteria of this chapter on  
 28 the fund portfolio with recommendations of any needed changes, and any other  
 29 information the board believes would be of interest to the governor, the legislature,  
 30 and the public. The annual income statement and balance sheet of the fund shall be  
 31 **posted on the corporation's Internet website** [PUBLISHED IN AT LEAST ONE

1 NEWSPAPER IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT]. The income statement and balance  
 2 sheet for the two fiscal years preceding the publication of the election pamphlet under  
 3 AS 15.58 shall be included in that pamphlet.

4 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 37.14.720 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 37.14.720. Powers and duties of the commissioner of revenue.** In  
 6 carrying out the investment duties under AS 37.14.700 - 37.14.740, the commissioner  
 7 of revenue has the powers and duties set out in AS 37.10.071. [THE  
 8 COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE REPORTS TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
 9 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS ON THE  
 10 CONDITION AND INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND.]

11 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 38.05.180(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The commissioner shall annually prepare [AND, BEFORE FEBRUARY 1  
 13 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE OF] a five-year  
 14 program of proposed oil and gas lease sales and proposed gas only lease sales,  
 15 specifying as precisely as practicable the location of tracts to be offered for leasing  
 16 during the calendar year of the notification and the following four calendar years. The  
 17 commissioner may, at any time, notify the legislature of revisions, including additions,  
 18 to the program. [NOTIFICATION TO EACH LEGISLATOR, BY ELECTRONIC  
 19 MESSAGE OR OTHER WRITTEN MEANS, CONSTITUTES NOTIFICATION TO  
 20 THE LEGISLATURE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.]

21 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 44.99.220(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) Each state agency shall

23 (1) compile a list of all publications the agency produces as required  
 24 by law or regulation or as directed by the legislature;

25 (2) identify and highlight on the list compiled under (1) of this  
 26 subsection the publications that are

27 (A) outdated, duplicative, or excessive, or that could be  
 28 improved or consolidated with other publications; or

29 (B) currently delivered physically that could be delivered  
 30 electronically; and

31 (3) **every 10 years**, by October 31 [OF EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED

1 YEAR], electronically submit the list of publications compiled under (1) of this  
 2 subsection, including the highlighted publications under (2) of this subsection, to the  
 3 governor and to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives and  
 4 notify the legislature that the list is available.

5 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 44.99.220(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) In addition to the budget, bills, and fiscal plan submitted under  
 7 AS 37.07.020(a) and (b), every 10 years [IN EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR],  
 8 the governor shall submit a bill to eliminate or modify publication requirements for  
 9 publications that have been identified under (a) of this section

10 (1) as outdated, duplicative, or excessive, or that could be improved or  
 11 consolidated with other publications; or

12 (2) that could be exclusively delivered electronically.

13 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 47.07.039(f) is amended to read:

14 (f) The department shall prepare a plan regarding regional or statewide  
 15 implementation of a coordinated care project based on the results of the demonstration  
 16 projects under this section. On or before November 15, 2019, the department shall  
 17 submit the plan to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of  
 18 representatives and notify the legislature that the plan is available. [ON OR BEFORE  
 19 NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
 20 SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING ANY CHANGES OR RECOMMENDATIONS  
 21 REGARDING THE PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE  
 22 SENATE SECRETARY AND THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF  
 23 REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE REPORT  
 24 IS AVAILABLE.]

25 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 47.14.112(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) The department shall implement workload standards and a training  
 27 program for employees who supervise the care of children committed to the  
 28 supervision or custody of the department under AS 47.10, work with families to  
 29 prevent the removal of a child from the child's home under AS 47.10, or investigate  
 30 reports of harm under AS 47.17. [THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A  
 31 STAFFING REPORT UNDER (b) OF THIS SECTION IF THE DEPARTMENT IS

1 UNABLE

2 (1) TO EMPLOY THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES  
3 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT

4 (A) THE DEPARTMENT REASONABLY AND SAFELY  
5 MINIMIZES THE TIME A CHILD IS NOT IN A PERMANENT LIVING  
6 ARRANGEMENT OR UNDER A PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP;

7 (B) A CHILD IS NOT REMOVED FROM THE CHILD'S  
8 HOME WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE AND IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST  
9 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE CHILD'S FAMILY TO  
10 PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD FROM THE CHILD'S HOME;

11 (C) EACH CHILD IS PLACED IN A PERMANENT HOME  
12 NOT MORE THAN 24 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THE CHILD IS  
13 FIRST REMOVED FROM THE CHILD'S HOME;

14 (2) TO MEET BEST PRACTICES STANDARDS SET BY THE  
15 DEPARTMENT REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT OF MENTORS FOR  
16 EMPLOYEES WHO SUPERVISE THE CARE OF CHILDREN COMMITTED TO  
17 THE SUPERVISION OR CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER AS 47.10,  
18 WORK WITH FAMILIES TO PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM  
19 THE CHILD'S HOME UNDER AS 47.10, OR INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF  
20 HARM UNDER AS 47.17;

21 (3) FOR A NEW EMPLOYEE WHO SUPERVISES THE CARE OF  
22 A CHILD COMMITTED TO THE SUPERVISION OR CUSTODY OF THE  
23 DEPARTMENT UNDER AS 47.10, WORKS WITH FAMILIES TO PREVENT  
24 THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CHILD'S HOME UNDER AS 47.10,  
25 OR INVESTIGATES REPORTS OF HARM UNDER AS 47.17, TO

26 (A) PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF SIX WEEKS OF  
27 TRAINING UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT THE NEW  
28 EMPLOYEE HAS SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO JUSTIFY A SHORTER  
29 TRAINING PERIOD;

30 (B) LIMIT THE EMPLOYEE'S WORKLOAD AS  
31 FOLLOWS:

1 (i) BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF AN  
 2 EMPLOYEE'S FOURTH MONTH OF WORK WITH THE  
 3 DEPARTMENT, THE EMPLOYEE MAY SUPERVISE NOT MORE  
 4 THAN SIX FAMILIES;

5 (ii) AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE  
 6 EMPLOYEE'S FOURTH MONTH OF WORK BUT BEFORE THE  
 7 END OF THE EMPLOYEE'S SIXTH MONTH OF WORK WITH  
 8 THE DEPARTMENT, THE EMPLOYEE MAY SUPERVISE NOT  
 9 MORE THAN 12 FAMILIES;

10 (iii) WHEN AN EMPLOYEE SUPERVISES  
 11 FAMILIES IN A REGION WHERE TRAVEL DISTANCES  
 12 NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE EMPLOYEE'S ABILITY TO  
 13 SUPERVISE FAMILIES AND THE EMPLOYEE HAS WORKED  
 14 FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOR LESS THAN 12 MONTHS, THE  
 15 EMPLOYEE MAY NOT SUPERVISE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER  
 16 OF FAMILIES PROVIDED UNDER (i) AND (ii) OF THIS  
 17 SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

18 (4) FOR AN EMPLOYEE, OTHER THAN A NEW EMPLOYEE,  
 19 WHO SUPERVISES THE CARE OF CHILDREN COMMITTED TO THE  
 20 SUPERVISION OR CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER AS 47.10,  
 21 WORKS WITH FAMILIES TO PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM  
 22 THE CHILD'S HOME UNDER AS 47.10, OR INVESTIGATES REPORTS OF  
 23 HARM UNDER AS 47.17, TO ENSURE THAT THE AVERAGE STATEWIDE  
 24 CASELOAD IS NOT MORE THAN 13 FAMILIES FOR EACH WORKER].

25 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 47.14.112(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department is  
 27 immune from suit under this section if the department was unable to meet the  
 28 workload standards and adjusted workload standards because of a lack of sufficient  
 29 appropriations or because the department's efforts to recruit or retain employees did  
 30 not result in an adequate number of qualified applicants to meet the workload  
 31 standards [, AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFFING REPORT].

1 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 47.14.112(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) The division of the department with responsibility over the custody of  
3 children shall prepare and make available to the legislature an annual report on  
4 employee recruitment and retention, including a five-year plan, for the division. Not  
5 later than November 15 of each year, the department shall deliver the report to the  
6 senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the  
7 legislature that the report is available. The report prepared under this subsection [IS  
8 SEPARATE FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
9 REQUIRED UNDER AS 18.05.020 AND] must include, for the previous 12 months,

10 (1) the number of frontline social workers employed by the division,  
11 the annual average turnover rate of the workers, and the average caseload of the  
12 workers on January 1 and July 1 of that year;

13 (2) the number of children removed from their homes;

14 (3) the achievement of success measured by the following:

15 (A) rate of family reunification;

16 (B) average length of time children spent in custody of the  
17 department;

18 (C) rate of placement with an adult family member or family  
19 friend;

20 (D) number of children placed in a permanent living  
21 arrangement with a guardian or biological or adoptive parent;

22 (E) number of children released from the custody of the  
23 department;

24 (4) if the department has met or exceeded the caseload standards under  
25 this chapter and, if the standards were exceeded, the number of caseworker positions  
26 in the division that could be eliminated and the amount of funding that could be  
27 reduced while continuing to meet but not routinely exceed the caseload standards;

28 (5) the performance of the department on federal benchmarks focused  
29 on the safety, well-being, and permanent placements of foster children compared with  
30 the previous five years.

31 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 03.22.060; AS 05.15.090; AS 16.20.041(f), 16.20.162(f); AS 18.05.020;

1 AS 18.09.070(c); AS 18.15.393; AS 18.29.105(e); AS 18.65.086(b), 18.65.340(c);  
2 AS 19.75.111(b)(1); AS 23.15.100(a)(3), 23.15.125(d)(3), 23.15.652(c); AS 33.30.011(a)(12);  
3 AS 37.05.035; AS 37.07.040(9), 37.07.040(11), 37.07.080(f); AS 37.10.088(c);  
4 AS 37.14.230(a)(8), 37.14.610(6); AS 37.15.170(c); AS 38.04.020(d), 38.04.205;  
5 38.05.180(e); AS 39.30.440; AS 41.37.220(f); AS 43.05.085; AS 43.55.180(b);  
6 AS 43.90.400(d); AS 44.23.020(b)(7); AS 44.37.027(e); AS 44.41.070(b), 44.41.070(c);  
7 AS 46.15.020(b)(5); AS 47.05.270(d); AS 47.07.075(b)(3); AS 47.14.112(b); AS 47.20.350;  
8 AS 47.37.040(17); and AS 47.38.100(c) are repealed.  
9 \* **Sec. 17.** Section 6, ch. 95, SLA 2005, is repealed.