

SENATE BILL NO. 282

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/25/26

Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; and providing for an effective
2 date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01.063(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) The department shall [SUBMIT THE REPORT PREPARED UNDER (e)
6 OF THIS SECTION TO THE JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON OR
7 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL] consolidate the two most recent reports **prepared under**
9 **(e) of this section** and submit a biennial report to the legislature on or before the first
10 day of March during the first regular session of each legislature. The department shall
11 deliver a copy of the biennial report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the
12 house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.20.650(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) The committee is composed of

1 (1) five members of the senate, at least one of whom is a member of
2 the minority, appointed by the president of the senate;

3 (2) five members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom
4 is a member of the minority, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

5 (3) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
6 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
7 representatives after considering the recommendations of the Alaska chapters of each
8 of the following organizations:

9 (A) the Association of the United States Army;

10 (B) the Air and Space Forces Association;

11 (C) the Navy League of the United States;

12 (D) the Marine Corps Association;

13 (4) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
14 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
15 representatives after considering the recommendation of the Seventeenth Coast Guard
16 District Auxiliary;

17 (5) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
18 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
19 representatives after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality
20 of Anchorage;

21 (6) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
22 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
23 representatives after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks
24 North Star Borough;

25 (7) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
26 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
27 representatives after considering the recommendation of the adjutant general of the
28 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; [AND]

29 (8) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is
30 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
31 representatives after considering the **recommendation** [JOINT

1 RECOMMENDATIONS] of the Alaska Federation of Natives; and

2 **(9) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature,**
 3 **who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the**
 4 **house of representatives after considering the recommendation of** the Alaska
 5 Municipal League.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20.665(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) **Nine** [EIGHT] members of the Joint Armed Services Committee constitute
 8 a quorum.

9 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.20.670 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) The Legislative Affairs Agency shall

11 (1) maintain a list of members and each member's contact information;

12 and

13 (2) notify the presiding officers of the house and senate of vacancies
 14 and upcoming vacancies of civilian members.

15 * **Sec. 5.** AS 24.20.675(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The Joint Armed Services Committee shall

17 (1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the
 18 federal government for bases in the state;

19 (2) [WORK ON SPECIFIC REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES
 20 PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR BASES IN THE STATE;

21 (3)] work with the state's congressional delegation, **other state and**
 22 **local government organizations, and community groups on military and defense**
 23 **issues;**

24 **(3)** [REGARDING FEDERAL MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENTS
 25 AND CLOSINGS IN THE STATE;

26 (4) ATTEND MEETINGS AND HEARINGS RELATED TO
 27 FEDERAL REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES OF MILITARY BASES IN THE
 28 STATE AND PROVIDE TESTIMONY AS NECESSARY;

29 (5) REVIEW THE EFFECT ON THE STATE AND ITS
 30 COMMUNITIES OF FEDERAL REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES OF
 31 MILITARY BASES IN THE STATE;

1 (6) monitor the development of the national ballistic missile defense
 2 system and work with the congressional delegation of the state, other state and local
 3 government organizations, and community groups to advocate and expedite the
 4 deployment of the system in this state;

5 (4) [(7)] investigate opportunities to increase joint and combined
 6 military training in the state;

7 (5) [(8)] advocate the stationing of reconfigured power projection
 8 forces at bases located in the state; and

9 **(6) support the state's central role in military defense;**

10 **(7) review and recommend state policy responses to national**
 11 **defense and arctic security initiatives;**

12 **(8) convene hearings and stakeholder consultations on emerging**
 13 **defense issues;**

14 (9) prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature **by**
 15 **December 31 of the year** [ON THE FIRST DAY] of each second regular session.

16 * **Sec. 6.** AS 44.19.863 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 44.19.863. Duties of the commission.** The commission shall

18 (1) provide advice, counsel, and actionable recommendations on
 19 military issues, and economic and industrial development related to military issues, to
 20 the governor, state agencies, the legislature, communities, and the state's congressional
 21 delegation;

22 (2) provide recommendations to expand and grow the current presence
 23 of the armed forces in the state, including new bases, expanded missions, and
 24 increased training;

25 (3) plan for state infrastructure needs to support military objectives;

26 (4) recommend methods to improve private and public employment
 27 opportunities for the families of current and former members of the military who
 28 reside in the state;

29 (5) assist and advise communities and the state in the design and
 30 execution of programs that enhance communities' relationships with installations of
 31 the armed forces of the United States and defense-related businesses, including in the

1 areas of public school education, in-state higher education and training, cultural and
2 recreational community assets, and housing and energy affordability;

3 (6) advocate for the state in matters related to military expansion
4 decision making by emphasizing the state's strategic location on the globe and existing
5 infrastructure and work to build community support in the state for the armed forces of
6 the United States;

7 (7) prepare and maintain a strategic plan to

8 (A) protect the state's existing military missions;

9 (B) position the state to be competitive for new and expanded
10 military missions;

11 (C) promote the long-term viability and prosperity of the
12 military and industries related to national defense in the state; and

13 (D) consider all current and anticipated base realignment and
14 closure criteria affecting bases in the state;

15 (8) report to [THE JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND]
16 any special committee of the legislature relating to military and veterans' affairs, if one
17 exists at the time the report is due, issues on the commission's activities over the
18 previous calendar year; the commission shall provide the report in an electronic format
19 and deliver the report by January 31 each year;

20 (9) seek the opinions of each member of the Alaska delegation in
21 Congress on the assistance, advice, advocacy, counsel, plans, and recommendations
22 provided under this section.

23 * **Sec. 7.** AS 24.20.650, 24.20.655, 24.20.660, 24.20.665, 24.20.670, 24.20.675; and
24 AS 26.05.342(d) are repealed.

25 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; TERMINATION AND
28 APPOINTMENT. (a) The terms of the current members of the Joint Armed Services
29 Committee are terminated on the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

30 (b) Current members of the Joint Armed Services Committee may be reappointed.

31 (c) The appointing authorities under AS 24.20.650(b) shall appoint members to the

- 1 Joint Armed Services Committee under AS 24.20.650(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,
- 2 within 45 days after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.
- 3 * **Sec. 9.** Sections 1, 6, and 7 of this Act take effect June 30, 2036.