

1 IN THE HOUSE BY STEVENS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 467

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL .

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a state chaplaincy  
7 program at certain public institutions."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 Sec. 18.05.048. CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM. (a) The commis-  
12 sioner shall appoint and fix the compensation of chaplains to  
13 serve at those prison facilities, juvenile detention homes,  
14 facilities and institutions and public institutions offering  
15 care and treatment of mental disorders which are subject to  
16 his jurisdiction. Chaplains shall be appointed to serve on  
17 a part time or full time basis as the commissioner may  
18 determine in an individual case. Chaplains appointed under  
19 the provisions of this subsection are in the exempt state  
20 service.

21 (b) The governor shall appoint an interfaith advisory  
22 committee consisting of not fewer than nine nor more than  
23 twelve members to advise and assist the commissioner with  
24 respect to the qualifications, selection, compensation and  
25 duties of state chaplains authorized under (a) of this  
26 section. For attending meetings of the interfaith advisory  
27 committee, members are entitled to transportation and per  
28 diem allowances payable in accordance with the provisions of  
29 AS 39.20.180.

1           (c) It shall be the duty of the chaplains appointed to  
2           serve under the provisions of (a) of this section to offer  
3           religious services and religious and moral instruction to  
4           persons confined at the places designated in (a) of this  
5           section and to attend to their spiritual wants. The chaplains  
6           shall counsel with and interview those confined concerning  
7           their social and family difficulties and shall offer assis-  
8           tance to them and their families with respect to such  
9           difficulties.

10           (d) The chaplains authorized to be appointed under (a)  
11           of this section shall be provided with the office space,  
12           chapels and such supplies as the commissioner may determine  
13           to be necessary for the carrying out of their duties at the  
14           locations designated under (a) of this section.

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