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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 142

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a state chaplaincy program at
7 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 read:

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

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

25 (c) It shall be the duty of the chaplains appointed to serve
26 under the provisions of (a) of this section to offer religious services
27 and religious and moral instruction to persons confined at the places
28 designated in (a) of this section and to attend to their spiritual
29 wants. The chaplains shall counsel with and interview those confined

1 concerning their social and family difficulties and shall offer assis-
2 tance to them and their families with respect to such difficulties.

3 (d) The chaplains authorized to be appointed under (a) of this
4 section shall be provided with the office space, chapels and such
5 supplies as the commissioner may determine to be necessary for the
6 carrying out of their duties at the locations designated under (a) of
7 this section.

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