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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 379

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska Educational and Public  
7 Broadcasting Authority; providing for its functions  
8 and powers; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 4. ALASKA EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING  
12 AUTHORITY.

13 Sec. 44.33.140. CREATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND TERM OF OFFICE. (a)  
14 There is created in the Department of Commerce the Alaska Educational  
15 and Public Broadcasting Authority. One member of the authority shall  
16 represent each of the following groups or organizations: the Board of  
17 Regents of the University of Alaska; the Alaska Department of Education;  
18 Alaska Association of Broadcasters; the Alaska Federation of Natives;  
19 the Alaska Labor Council; the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce; and the  
20 Alaska Education Association. Each group shall establish its own proce-  
21 dure for selecting a representative.

22 (b) The members of the authority shall serve staggered terms of  
23 five years, with the first determination to be by lot.

24 Sec. 44.33.150. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of the  
25 authority receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel  
26 expenses authorized by law for other authorities.

27 Sec. 44.33.160. PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY. The authority is  
28 created to encourage and supervise the initial development of educa-  
29 tional and public broadcasting, and to provide for regulation of future

1 educational and public broadcasting.

2 Sec. 44.33.170. POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY. (a) The authority  
3 shall

4 (1) control and supervise the use of broadcasting channels  
5 reserved by the Federal Communications Commission for noncommercial  
6 and educational purposes;

7 (2) initiate or receive for review and approval all applica-  
8 tions for educational and public broadcasting licenses submitted to  
9 the Federal Communications Commission for or on behalf of an elementary  
10 or secondary public school system, community college, institution of  
11 higher learning, private educational institution, nonprofit community  
12 or municipal organization in the state;

13 (3) initiate or receive for review and approval all applica-  
14 tions for federal, state, or private funds if the applications involve  
15 any form of educational or public broadcasting;

16 (4) receive all federal, state or private funds, property,  
17 or assistance that may be appropriated, granted, or otherwise made  
18 available to the authority for educational and public broadcasting  
19 purposes at all levels of education and shall use and disburse funds  
20 and property for purposes consistent with the terms of secs. 140 - 190  
21 of this chapter, subject to reasonable limitations imposed by the  
22 grantor;

23 (5) provide consultative services in all aspects of educa-  
24 tional and public broadcasting to all public or private agencies in the  
25 state who request them;

26 (6) serve as a library and clearinghouse for information on  
27 broadcasting for educational and public purposes;

28 (7) perform all other functions necessary to insure the  
29 orderly and coordinated development of educational and public broad-

1 casting in the state.

2 (b) The authority may

3 (1) employ all consultative, technical and clerical per-  
4 sonnel necessary for the implementation of secs. 140 - 190 of this  
5 chapter within the limits of available funds;

6 (2) employ a director, who shall be directly responsible to  
7 the authority in financial and administrative matters;

8 (3) lease, purchase, construct, own, operate, manage, and  
9 be the licensee of educational broadcasting stations, production centers,  
10 and all other related equipment and facilities for the production and  
11 transmission of open circuit, closed circuit, 2,500 Megahertz, and  
12 other transmission means necessary to provide fully effective educa-  
13 tional and public broadcasting in the state.

14 Sec. 44.33.180. COMMERCIAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BROADCASTING.  
15 Nothing in secs. 140 - 190 of this chapter may be construed so as to  
16 restrict or control commercial or school district broadcasting stations  
17 or companies operating or licensed in the state.

18 Sec. 44.33.190. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 140 - 180 of this chapter

19 (1) "authority" means the Alaska Educational and Public  
20 Broadcasting Authority;

21 (2) "school district" means any city or borough school  
22 district, but does not include schools in the state-operated school  
23 district;

24 (3) educational and public broadcasting includes, but is  
25 not limited to, television and radio transmission, transmission by  
26 2,500 Megahertz, closed circuit or microwave video and audio pro-  
27 gramming, slow-scan television programming, teletype or facsimile  
28 transmission, and distribution methods, when such transmission,  
29 programming and distribution is intended to serve a noncommercial

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public or educational purpose.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.