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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 179

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Police Standards
7 Council."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL.

11 Sec. 18.65.130. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the
12 Governor the Alaska Police Standards Council.

13 Sec. 18.65.140. POLICY. The administration of criminal justice
14 affects the health, safety and welfare of the people of this state,
15 and requires education and training of a professional character. It
16 is in the public interest that education and training be made available
17 to persons seeking to become police officers, police officers who are
18 serving in a temporary or probationary capacity, and police officers
19 already in regular service.

20 Sec. 18.65.150. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. The council consists of
21 the following persons:

22 (1) three chief administrative officers of local government
23 police forces;

24 (2) two officials of local government who have general
25 executive or administrative responsibilities;

26 (3) the commissioner of public safety;

27 (4) one representative of higher education;

28 (5) one representative of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
29 tion;

1 (6) the attorney general.

2 Sec. 18.65.160. POWERS. The council shall have the power to

3 (1) promulgate regulations for the administration of secs.
4 130 - 260 of this chapter; including the authority to require the sub-
5 mission of reports and information by police departments in the state;

6 (2) establish minimum educational and training standards
7 for employment as a police officer in permanent, temporary, or proba-
8 tionary positions and certify persons to be qualified as police officers
9 under secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter;

10 (3) establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory,
11 in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or
12 for the state or a political subdivision of the state for the specific
13 purpose of training police recruits or police officers;

14 (4) consult and cooperate with boroughs, municipalities,
15 agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities,
16 colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of police
17 training schools and programs of instruction;

18 (5) approve institutions and facilities for schools for
19 the purpose of training police officers and police recruits;

20 (6) enter into contracts and conduct studies of any aspect
21 of police administration and stimulate research designed to improve
22 police administration and law enforcement;

23 (7) employ a director and other necessary personnel;

24 (8) make periodic determinations as to whether governmental
25 units are complying with secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter;

26 (9) adopt bylaws for its internal management and control.

27 Sec. 18.65.170. STANDARDS. (a) No person may be appointed as a
28 police officer, except on a temporary or probationary basis, unless
29 the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory program of police

1 training at a school approved by the council.

2 (b) In addition to the requirement of (a) of this section, the
3 council shall fix other qualifications for the employment of police
4 officers, including minimum age, education, physical and mental
5 standards, citizenship, good moral character, and experience. The
6 council shall prescribe the means of presenting evidence of fulfillment
7 of these requirements.

8 (c) A permanently appointed police officer is not required to
9 meet the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section as a condition of
10 tenure to continued employment. A permanently appointed police officer
11 who fails to fulfill the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section
12 is not ineligible for a promotional examination if he is otherwise
13 eligible to take it.

14 (d) The council shall issue a certificate evidencing satisfaction
15 of the requirements of this section to an applicant who satisfactorily
16 completes a program or course of instruction in another jurisdiction
17 equivalent in content and quality to that required by the council for
18 approved police education and training programs in this state.

19 Sec 18.65.180. POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS. (a) The council shall
20 establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies
21 and institutions as the council considers appropriate.

22 (b) The council may authorize the partial or complete reimburse-
23 ment, to each political subdivision and to the state, of the salary and
24 allowable tuition, living, and travel expenses incurred by the officers
25 in attending approved training programs, provided that the political
26 subdivisions or state agencies adhere to the selection and training
27 standards established by the council.

28 Sec. 18.65.190. APPOINTMENT. The attorney general and the
29 commissioner of public safety shall serve during their continuance in

1 office. Other members of the council shall be appointed by the governor
2 for terms of four years, except that no member may serve beyond the
3 time he holds the office which made him initially eligible for appoint-
4 ment. The terms of members initially appointed to the council by the
5 governor shall be: one for one year, two for two years, two for three
6 years, and two for four years. The governor shall designate which of
7 the terms are for one, two, three and four years. A vacancy on the
8 council for the remainder of a member's unexpired term shall be filled
9 in the same manner as the original appointment.

10 Sec. 18.65.200. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. The governor annually
11 shall designate the chairman, and the council annually shall select
12 its vice chairman. The chairman and vice chairman shall be designated
13 from the members of the council.

14 Sec. 18.65.210. MEMBERSHIP IN ANOTHER OFFICE. Membership on the
15 council does not disqualify a member from holding any other public
16 office or employment.

17 Sec. 18.65.220. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. The members of the
18 council receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel
19 expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions

20 Sec. 18.65.230. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least twice
21 a year. The chairman shall fix the time and place of the meeting,
22 either on his own motion or on written request by any three members
23 of the council.

24 Sec. 18.65.240. GRANTS. (a) The council may accept donations
25 of property, both real and personal, and grants of money from a
26 governmental unit or public agency, or from an institution, person,
27 firm, or corporation. An arrangement made under this section shall
28 be detailed in the annual report of the council. The report shall
29 include the identity of the donor, the nature of the transaction, and

1 the conditions, if any. All money received by the council under this
2 section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the account of the
3 council.

4 (b) The council shall provide for the administration of the
5 grant program authorized in (a) of this section. In the administration
6 of the program the council shall promote the most efficient and
7 economical program for police training, including the maximum utiliza-
8 tion of existing facilities and programs to avoid duplication.

9 Sec. 18.65.250. REPORTS. The council shall make an annual report
10 to the governor and the legislature, and may make other reports it
11 considers necessary.

12 Sec. 18.65.260. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 130 - 260 of this chapter

13 (1) "council" means the Alaska Police Standards Council;

14 (2) "police officer" means a full-time employee of a
15 police department which is a part of, or administered by, the state or a
16 political subdivision of the state and who is responsible for the pre-
17 vention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traf-
18 fic or highway laws of this state.
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