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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 416

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the state health plan."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.05.051 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 18.05.051. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) There
10 is created a Comprehensive Health Advisory Council which shall consist
11 of governmental and nongovernmental members. The council may appoint
12 advisory committees outside its membership.

13 (b) The council shall include 12 [11] nongovernmental members,
14 eight of whom shall be consumers of health services and four [THREE] of
15 whom shall be representatives of nongovernmental agencies which are
16 concerned with health care services. The council shall elect a chairman
17 from among the nongovernmental members to serve a two-year term.

18 (1) Nongovernmental members are appointed by the governor
19 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature
20 in joint session. Four members shall serve initial terms of two
21 years, five [FOUR] members initial terms of three years, and three
22 members initial terms of four years. Initial terms date from February 1
23 before appointment. Thereafter, terms of office are four years,
24 unless the appointment is for the remainder of an unexpired term. Each
25 member holds office at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the
26 member's term.

27 (2) Nongovernmental members may carry out their duties on
28 the council after appointment but before confirmation or rejection by
29 the legislature.

1 (3) Nongovernmental members receive no salary but are en-
2 titled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for state
3 boards. Nongovernmental members may receive travel expenses and per
4 diem in connection with the exercise of their duties as council members
5 before their confirmation or rejection by the legislature.

6 (c) The council shall include three [~~FOUR~~] governmental members:
7 one from the Department of Health and Welfare; one from the Department
8 of Administration; one from a health agency of a local government unit
9 [; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE]. The governmental
10 members [, OTHER THAN THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE,] are
11 appointed by the governor. The commissioner of health and welfare
12 shall [ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, AND HIS DEPARTMENT SHALL] ad-
13 minister the comprehensive state health service plan.

14 [(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO ADVISORS TO THE COUNCIL; ONE
15 OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE
16 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHO SHALL REPRESENT EDUCATION AND
17 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.

18 (E) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION BY THE
19 GOVERNOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW. THE TERMS OF THE ADDITIONAL
20 MEMBERS SHALL BE FOUR YEARS, OR IN CASE OF CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL LAW,
21 THAT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.]

22 * Sec. 2. AS 18.05.053 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 18.05.053. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Comprehensive Health Ad-
24 visory Council shall

25 (1) advise and consult with the department [COMMISSIONER OF
26 HEALTH AND WELFARE] regarding

27 (A) programs for the construction of health facilities
28 for the state and its political subdivisions;

29 (B) the development of rules, regulations, and

standards for the operation of health facilities;

(C) the development of a comprehensive state health service plan, to be reviewed at least annually, and to be submitted to the Surgeon General of the United States for his approval;

(2) request the cooperation of governmental and nongovernmental agencies in planning and developing a statewide comprehensive health plan by reviewing agency planning, coordinating activities and plans of areawide councils and other voluntary planning groups, appointing advisory committees for specific health problems, and evaluating previous planning efforts [PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PATIENTS IN HEALTH FACILITIES];

(3) exercise the additional powers and perform the duties which are necessary to comply with appropriate federal programs;

(4) assist in forming areawide comprehensive health planning agencies and councils;

(5) approve applications for grants under the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966 (P.L. 89-749, Section 314(c), (d) and (e)).

* Sec. 3. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 18.05.057. STATE HEALTH PLAN. The department is designated as the sole agency for administering the state health plan for purposes of the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966 (P.L. 89-749).