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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 21 [11] nongovernmental members,
14 at least 13 [EIGHT] of whom shall be consumers of health services and
15 no more than eight [THREE] of whom shall be representatives of non-
16 governmental agencies which are concerned with health care services.
17 The council shall elect a chairman from among the nongovernmental
18 members to serve a two-year term.

19 (1) Nongovernmental members are appointed by the governor
20 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature
21 in joint session. Six [FOUR] members shall have [SERVE INITIAL] terms
22 expiring [OF TWO YEARS] in 1971 and every four years thereafter. [,]
23 All other [FOUR] members shall have [INITIAL] terms which shall expire
24 in groups of five each year [OF THREE YEARS, AND THREE MEMBERS INITIAL
25 TERMS OF FOUR YEARS]. Terms [INITIAL TERMS DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1 BEFORE
26 APPOINTMENT. THEREAFTER, TERMS] of office are four years, unless the
27 appointment is for the remainder of an unexpired term. With the
28 approval of the governor and the members of the legislature in joint
29 session terms may be extended for one year each to allow compliance

1 with this section. Each member holds office at the pleasure of the
2 governor notwithstanding the member's term.

3 (2) Nongovernmental members may carry out their duties on
4 the council after appointment but before confirmation or rejection by
5 the legislature.

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

11 (c) The council shall include four governmental members: one
12 from the Department of Health and Welfare; one from the Department of
13 Administration; one from a health agency of a local government unit;
14 and the commissioner of health and welfare. The governmental members
15 [, OTHER THAN THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE,] are appointed
16 by the governor. The commissioner of health and welfare shall [ACT AS
17 CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, AND HIS DEPARTMENT SHALL] administer the com-
18 prehensive state health service plan.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 18.05.051 (e) is amended to read:

20 (e) Additional members may be appointed under this section
21 by the governor if necessary to comply with federal law. The terms
22 of the additional members shall be four years, but a fractional term
23 of less than four years may be granted where a full term would result
24 in an expiration date identical to that of an existing members. All
25 future terms shall be four years, or in the case of conflict with
26 federal law, those terms required by federal law.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 18.05.053 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 18.05.053. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Comprehensive Health Ad-
29 visory Council shall

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

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

5 (B) the development of rules, regulations, and
6 standards for the operation of health facilities;

7 (C) the development of a comprehensive state health
8 service plan, to be reviewed at least annually, and to be sub-
9 mitted to the Surgeon General of the United States for his
10 approval;

11 (2) request the cooperation of governmental and nongovern-
12 mental agencies in planning and developing a statewide comprehensive
13 health plan by reviewing agency planning, coordinating activities and
14 plans of areawide councils and other voluntary planning groups, appoint-
15 ing advisory committees for specific health problems, and evaluating
16 previous planning efforts [PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE REHABILITATION,
17 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PATIENTS IN HEALTH
18 FACILITIES];

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

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

23 (5) approve applications for grants under the Comprehensive
24 Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966 (P.L.
25 89-749, Section 314(c), (d) and (e)).

26 * Sec. 4. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 18.05.057. STATE HEALTH PLAN. The department is designated
28 as the sole agency for administering the state health plan for purposes
29 of the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amend-

ments of 1966 (P.L. 89-749).

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