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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 400

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an Advisory Board on Drug Abuse; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.29 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 3. ADVISORY BOARD ON DRUG ABUSE.

11 Sec. 44.29.100. ADVISORY BOARD ON DRUG ABUSE. There is
12 established in the Department of Health and Social Services an advisory
13 board on drug abuse.

14 Sec. 44.29.110. COMPOSITION. The advisory board on drug abuse
15 consists of 12 members appointed by the governor.

16 Sec. 44.29.120. QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. The advisory
17 board on drug abuse consists of the following members:

18 (1) two members shall be persons who are licensed to
19 practice medicine in the state, one of whom shall be certified in
20 psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or is
21 eligible for that certification;

22 (2) one member shall be a practicing attorney who has been
23 admitted to the practice of law in Alaska;

24 (3) one member shall be a person who is currently working in
25 a program of rehabilitation of drug users and addicts;

26 (4) one member shall be a public health nurse;

27 (5) one member shall be a licensed pharmacist;

28 (6) one member shall be a social worker;

29 (7) one member shall be a law enforcement official;

1 (8) four members shall be from the public at large.

2 Sec. 44.29.130. TERM OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the advisory
3 board on drug abuse shall be appointed for overlapping terms of three
4 years.

5 (b) Of the 12 initial appointees four shall be appointed
6 for one-year terms, four for two-year terms, and four for three-year
7 terms.

8 (c) Subsequent terms for all board members are three years.

9 (d) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the board shall be
10 filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the
11 vacated term.

12 (e) Board members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

13 (f) The governor shall replace any members who by poor attendance
14 or lack of contribution to the board's work demonstrate their in-
15 effectiveness as board members.

16 Sec. 44.29.140. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, AND EXPENSES. Members
17 of the advisory board on drug abuse are not entitled to a salary, but
18 are entitled to per diem, reimbursement for travel and other expenses
19 authorized by law for other boards.

20 Sec. 44.29.150. DUTIES. The board shall act in an advisory
21 capacity to the commissioner of health and social services in the
22 following matters:

23 (1) special problems affecting mental health which drug
24 abuse or addiction may present;

25 (2) educational research and public informational
26 activities conducted by the Department of Health and Social Services
27 and others in respect to the problems presented by drug abuse;

28 (3) social problems which affect rehabilitation of drug
29 users and addicts;

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(4) legal processes which affect the treatment and re-
habilitation of drug users and addicts;

(5) development of programs of prevention, treatment and
rehabilitation for drug abusers and addicts;

(6) review of applications and subsequent recommendations
to the commissioner of health and social services on use of funds for
grants for local drug abuse projects and programs;

(7) evaluation of effectiveness of drug abuse programs in
the state.

Sec. 44.29.160. DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM COORDINATOR. The drug abuse
program coordinator shall carry out the development and implementation
of a comprehensive program to prevent and treat the use and abuse of
drugs as they affect the people in Alaska. The comprehensive program
may include educational activities, research, grants for treatment
centers, or any other activities considered effective for prevention
or treatment. The drug abuse coordinator is appointed by the governor.

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