

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
CARE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL  
HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 333

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Health and Social Services  
7 Advisory Board."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 45. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

11 ADVISORY BOARD.

12 Sec. 47.45.010. CREATION OF BOARD. There is established in the  
13 Department of Health and Social Services the Health and Social Services  
14 Advisory Board.

15 Sec. 47.45.020. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE. (a) The advisory  
16 board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The member-  
17 ship shall reflect, to the extent possible, geographic diversity, and  
18 include the following:

- 19 (1) two members of the public at large,  
20 (2) a social worker,  
21 (3) a psychiatrist,  
22 (4) a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state,  
23 (5) a public health nurse,  
24 (6) a practicing attorney who has been admitted to the

25 Alaska Bar.

26 (b) The members of the board serve at the pleasure of the governor  
27 for terms of four years.

28 (c) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the board shall be  
29 filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the

vacated term.

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Sec. 47.45.030. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM AND EXPENSES. Members of the board are not entitled to a salary, but are entitled to per diem, reimbursement for travel, and other expenses authorized by law for other boards.

Sec. 47.45.040. DUTIES. (a) The board shall act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner in the following matters:

(1) the effectiveness of the health and social services delivery system in the state;

(2) consumer needs not being met by the department which are within the department's jurisdiction;

(3) coordination of programs of each division of the department with each other and with other service agencies.

(b) The board shall make a continuing study of the operation of programs carried out by the department with a view to determining how the programs may be improved. Annually, the board shall submit to the commissioner, the governor and the legislature a written report of the results of its study together with the recommendations for administrative and legislative changes it considers appropriate.

Sec. 47.45.050. MEETINGS. (a) The board shall meet at the call of the chairman but shall meet at least twice a year.

(b) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum and a vacancy on the board does not affect its powers.

Sec. 47.45.060. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. The commissioner shall provide the board with technical and other assistance, including secretarial and clerical services, that is required to carry out its functions under this chapter.