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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2  HOUSE BILL NO. 181

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 27. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

11 ADVISORY BOARD.

12 Sec. 47.27.010. 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. 47.27.020. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE. (a) The advisory  
16 board consists of eleven members appointed by the governor. The pro-  
17 fessional members shall be chosen from a list of candidates submitted by  
18 their respective professional organizations. The membership shall  
19 reflect, to the extent possible, geographic diversity, and include the  
20 following:

21 (1) six consumer members chosen from the public at large, two  
22 from each of the three geographical regions of the state,

23 (2) a social worker,

24 (3) a psychiatrist,

25 (4) a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state,

26 (5) a public health nurse,

27 (6) a practicing attorney who has been admitted to the Alaska

28 Bar.

29 (b) The members of the board serve at the pleasure of the governor

1 for terms of four years.

2 (c) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the board shall be  
3 filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the  
4 vacated term.

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

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

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

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

15 (3) coordination of programs of each division of the depart-  
16 ment with each other and with other service agencies.

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

23 Sec. 47.45.050. MEETINGS. (a) The board shall meet at the call of  
24 the chairman but shall meet at least three times a year, once in each of  
25 the three geographical regions of the state.

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

28 Sec. 47.45.060. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. The commissioner shall pro-  
29 vide the board with technical and other assistance, including secretarial

1 and clerical services, that is required to carry out its functions under  
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