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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Advisory Council on Vocational  
7 Education; prescribing its organization, powers and  
8 duties; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 14.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 2. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

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Sec. 14.35.050. ESTABLISHMENT; ADMINISTRATION. (a) There is  
established in the Department of Education the Advisory Council on  
14 Vocational Education.

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(b) The council, its members, executive officer and staff are in  
the department for administrative support services only, and they are  
not subject to the direction of the commissioner of education or the  
state Board of Education.

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Sec. 14.35.060. COMPOSITION. The council consists of not more  
than 13 members. Not less than 90 days before the beginning of a  
federal fiscal year the state shall certify to the United States Com-  
missioner of Education the establishment and membership of the council.

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Sec. 14.35.070. QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The membership of the ad-  
visory council shall include at least one person with qualifications set  
out in each of the following categories:

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(1) familiar with the vocational needs and problems of  
management and labor;

(2) representative of industrial and economic development  
agencies;

1 (3) representative of community colleges and other institu-  
2 tions of higher education, area vocational schools, technical institutes,  
3 and postsecondary or adult education agencies or institutions, which may  
4 provide programs of vocational education and training;

5 (4) familiar with the administration of state and local  
6 vocational education programs;

7 (5) possessed of special knowledge, experience, or qualifi-  
8 cations with respect to vocational education and who is not involved in  
9 the administration of state or local vocational education programs;

10 (6) familiar with vocational education programs, including  
11 those in comprehensive secondary schools;

12 (7) representative of local education agencies;

13 (8) representative of school boards;

14 (9) representative of manpower and vocational education  
15 agencies in the state and the comprehensive area manpower planning  
16 system of the state;

17 (10) representative of school systems with large concentra-  
18 tions of academically, socially, economically, and culturally disad-  
19 vantaged students, and students with limited English-speaking ability;

20 (11) with special knowledge, experience or qualifications,  
21 with respect to the special educational needs of physically or mentally  
22 handicapped persons;

23 (12) a member of the general public, who shall be represen-  
24 tative of and knowledgeable about the poor and disadvantaged who are not  
25 qualified for membership under any of the preceding paragraphs of this  
26 subsection;

27 (13) a member of the legislature.

28 (b) No member may represent more than one of the categories set  
29 out in (a) of this section.

1 (c) Members of the state Board of Education and the Department of  
2 Education staff may not be members of the council.

3 Sec. 14.35.080. TERM OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the advisory  
4 council shall be appointed by the governor for overlapping terms of  
5 three years and serve at his pleasure.

6 (b) Of the initial appointees, four shall be appointed for one-  
7 year terms, four for two-year terms, and the balance for three-year  
8 terms. The term of office of the member of the legislature appointed to  
9 serve on the council may not exceed the term of office for which he was  
10 elected.

11 (c) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the council shall be  
12 filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the  
13 vacated term.

14 (d) The governor shall replace a member who by poor attendance or  
15 lack of contribution to the council's work demonstrates his ineffective-  
16 ness as a council member.

17 Sec. 14.35.090. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, AND EXPENSES. Members of  
18 the council are entitled to per diem, reimbursement for travel and other  
19 expenses authorized by law for other boards.

20 Sec. 14.35.100. QUORUM AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS. A majority of the  
21 members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
22 business.

23 Sec. 14.35.110. DUTIES. The council shall carry out those duties  
24 in relation to vocational education as prescribed in P.L. 90-576, as  
25 amended, and

26 (1) advise the state Board of Education on the development of  
27 the state plan for vocational education, including the preparation of  
28 long-range and annual program plans and prepare and submit a statement  
29 describing its consultation with the state board on its state plan;

1 (2) advise the state Board of Education on policy matters  
2 arising in the administration of the state plan for vocational education  
3 under P.L. 90-576, as amended;

4 (3) evaluate vocational education programs, services, and  
5 activities under the state plan, and publish and distribute the results  
6 of the evaluation;

7 (4) prepare and submit through the state Board of Education  
8 to the United States Commissioner of Education and to the National  
9 Advisory Council on Vocational Education an annual evaluation report,  
10 accompanied by those additional comments of the state board that the  
11 board considers appropriate, including but not limited to the following:

12 (A) evaluating the effectiveness of vocational education  
13 programs, services and activities carried out in the year under  
14 review in meeting the program objectives set out in the long-range  
15 program plan and the annual program plan; and

16 (B) recommending those changes in the programs that may  
17 be warranted by the evaluations;

18 (5) prepare and submit to the United States Commissioner of  
19 Education within 60 days after his acceptance of certification an annual  
20 budget covering the proposed expenditures of the council and its staff  
21 for the following fiscal year;

22 (6) evaluate vocational education programs, services and  
23 activities under Part B of Title X of the Higher Education Amendments of  
24 1972 (P.L. 92-318), as amended, in cooperation with the Alaska Commis-  
25 sion on Postsecondary Education and publish and distribute the results  
26 of the evaluation;

27 (7) obtain the services of an executive director and staff  
28 and those professional, technical and clerical personnel that may be  
29 considered necessary to enable the council to carry out its functions

1 under this section and to contract for the services necessary to enable  
2 the council and staff to carry out their evaluation functions.

3 Sec. 14.35.120. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 50 - 120 of this chapter

4 (1) "board" means the state Board of Education;

5 (2) "council" means the state Advisory Council on Vocational  
6 Education;

7 (3) "department" means the Department of Education.

8 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.

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