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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MALONE AND GARDINER

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 222 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public scrutiny of the budget
7 formulation process."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 37.07.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (6) public participation in the development of the annual
11 budget, including opportunity for the public to review and comment upon
12 the plans and programs of the Office of the Governor and all state
13 agencies in the executive branch, the legislature, the judicial system,
14 the University of Alaska and the public corporations of the state.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 37.07.040(3),(4) and (7) are amended to read:

16 (3) develop procedures to produce the information needed for
17 effective policy decision making, including procedures to provide for
18 the dissemination of information about plans, programs and program
19 budget requests to be included in the annual budget and opportunity for
20 public review and comment during the period of budget preparation;

21 (4) assist state agencies in their statement of goals and
22 objectives, preparation of program plans, program budget requests and
23 reporting of program performance; all documents forwarded by the division
24 to a state agency containing instructions for the preparation of program
25 plans and program budget requests and the reporting of program perform-
26 ance are public information after the date they are forwarded;

27 (7) provide the legislative finance division with an advance
28 copy of the governor's budget workbooks by the first Monday in January
29 of each year, except that following a gubernatorial election year the

1 advance copy shall be provided by the second Monday in January [; THE
2 ADVANCE COPY SHALL BE PROVIDED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND SHALL BE USED
3 ONLY TO PREPARE BUDGET ANALYSIS DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AND
4 DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING THE DELIVERY OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE TO
5 THE LEGISLATURE].

6 * Sec. 3. AS 37.07.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (f) All goals and objectives plans, programs, estimates, budgets
8 and other documents forwarded to the division of budget and management
9 by a state agency under this section are public information after the
10 date they are forwarded.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 44.62.310(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) All meetings of a legislative body, of a board of regents, of
13 any committee established or designated by the governor to review agency
14 plans and programs and recommend program budget requests or revisions
15 under AS 37.07.020 - 37.07.040, or of an administrative body, board,
16 commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, council, agency, or
17 other organization, including subordinate units of the above groups, of
18 the state or any of its political subdivisions, including but not
19 limited to municipalities, boroughs, school boards, and all other boards,
20 agencies, assemblies, councils, departments, divisions, bureaus, commis-
21 sions or organizations, advisory or otherwise, of the state or local
22 government supported in whole or in part by public money or authorized
23 to spend public money, are open to the public except as otherwise pro-
24 vided by this section. Except when voice votes are authorized, the vote
25 shall be conducted in such a manner that the public may know the vote of
26 each person entitled to vote. This section does not apply to any votes
27 required to be taken to organize the afore-mentioned bodies.
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