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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 959

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a risk management and loss prevention program in state government."

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

* Section 1. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 44.21.060. RISK MANAGEMENT AND LOSS PREVENTION. (a) The Department of Administration shall initiate and implement a risk management and loss prevention program for all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions, and regional educational attendance areas, for the purpose of reducing risks, accidents and losses. The program shall include provisions which enable a proper determination of losses and which allow the Department of Administration to identify causes and sources of loss for loss control. All state departments, agencies, boards and commissions, and regional educational attendance areas shall render the necessary cooperation and assistance to the Department of Administration in the initiation, implementation and operation of the risk management and loss prevention program. Nothing in this section relieves other agencies from their statutory responsibilities for safety and loss prevention enforcement and training.

(b) There is established for all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions a risk management fund to be administered by the Department of Administration for the payment of insurance premiums, uninsured losses, deductibles, advance payments of insured losses and other purposes considered proper by the commissioner of administration. The department shall report to the legislature twice annually all

activities and balances of the fund.

(c) There is established a risk management fund for regional educational attendance areas which is separate from the fund established under (b) of this section. The risk management fund for the regional educational attendance areas shall be administered by the Department of Administration for the payment of insurance premiums, uninsured losses, deductibles, advance payments of insured losses and other purposes considered proper by the commissioner of administration. The department shall report to the legislature twice annually all activities and balances of the fund.

(d) The amount of money received by the state from litigation or settlement of claims for damages relating to insured or uninsured losses of the type paid by the risk management funds established under this section, from the payment of insurance premiums to the funds, and from interest and other returns from investment of the funds, shall be appropriated to the funds based on the amount each contributes to the state. In addition, the legislature may appropriate any other amounts necessary to implement this section, including premium and program operational costs, and amounts sufficient to self-insure.

(e) Unless otherwise expressly provided, money appropriated to the risk management funds is not a one-year appropriation under AS 37.25.010 and any amount which is appropriated but not required for the purposes of the fund in a particular fiscal year remains available for expenditures in succeeding years.