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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 647

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Commission on the
7 Family; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 14. ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY.

11 Sec. 44.19.967. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. There is established in
12 the Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on the Family.

13 Sec. 44.19.968. COMPOSITION. (a) The Alaska Commission on the
14 Family consists of five members who serve at the pleasure of the
15 governor.

16 (b) The members of the Alaska Commission on the Family shall be
17 appointed on a nonpartisan basis by the governor within 60 days of the
18 effective date of this Act. The members shall be residents of the
19 state. In making the appointments, consideration shall be given to
20 statewide geographical representation on the commission.

21 (c) The Alaska Commission on the Family shall elect one of its
22 members as chairman and may select other commission officers it
23 considers necessary.

24 Sec. 44.19.969. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment of
25 all the members of the Alaska Commission on the Family, the governor
26 shall convene the first meeting of the commission. A majority of the
27 members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the
28 powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the
29 chairman, at the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly

1 scheduled time as determined by a majority of the members.

2 Sec. 44.19.970. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each
3 member of the Alaska Commission on the Family is two years. Terms shall
4 be staggered. Initial terms shall be three members serving for one year
5 and two members serving for two years. A vacancy shall be filled for
6 the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original ap-
7 pointments.

8 Sec. 44.19.971. COMPENSATION. Members of the Alaska Commission on
9 the Family receive no compensation for their services but are entitled
10 to per diem and travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and
11 commissions.

12 Sec. 44.19.972. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Alaska Commission on the
13 Family shall

14 (1) initiate discussions involving interested members of the
15 public as to the role of the family in Alaska;

16 (2) develop a process of involving families in its work;

17 (3) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for govern-
18 mental and nongovernmental information relating to the status of the
19 family;

20 (4) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint
21 efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of the
22 family in Alaska;

23 (5) identify public policies, institutional actions and other
24 factors which may harm or neglect family life, evaluate the differing
25 impact of these on families, and recommend new policies designed to
26 strengthen and support families;

27 (6) examine the impact of economic forces, poverty, unemploy-
28 ment, inflation, and taxes on families;

29 (7) generate interest in and action on recommendations among

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individuals, families governmental agencies, churches, civic groups, and schools;

(8) stimulate and encourage a wide variety of activities in neighborhoods, organizations, communities, media, and other public and private groups focused on supporting and strengthening families and individuals within families; and

(9) file a report with the governor and the legislature not later than January 1 each year of its proceedings for the previous calendar year and submit recommendations for legislative and administrative action.

* Sec. 2. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(8) Alaska Commission on the Family (AS 44.19.967 - 44.19.-972) -- June 30, 1982.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).