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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 812

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 an Advisory Commission on Justice;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON JUSTICE. There is established in the
10 judicial branch as a temporary commission the Advisory Commission on Justice.

11 * Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The commission consists of eleven members as
12 follows:

13 (1) the chairman of the senate judiciary committee or his designee
14 and the chairman of the house judiciary committee or his designee;

15 (2) three members appointed by the judicial council who shall be
16 broadly representative of criminal justice agencies in the state;

17 (3) three Alaska Natives, one appointed by the governor, and one
18 by the presiding officer of each house of the legislature;

19 (4) two Blacks, one appointed by the presiding officer of each
20 house of the legislature; and

21 (5) one member from another minority, appointed by the governor.

22 (b) The chairman of the senate judiciary committee or his designee and
23 the chairman of the house judiciary committee or his designee serve ex officio
24 and may not vote on matters before the commission.

25 (c) Members of the commission serve at the pleasure of the appointing
26 authority.

27 (d) Appointments to the commission shall be made within one month of
28 the effective date of this Act, or of the effective date of a vacancy on the
29 commission.

1 * Sec. 3. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS. Members of
2 the commission who are public officials or state employees serve without
3 compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses provided by law
4 for state boards and commissions. Members who are not public officials or
5 state employees are entitled to \$150 for each day they devote to work of the
6 commission and to per diem and travel expenses provided by law for state
7 boards and commissions.

8 * Sec. 4. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet as often as necessary in
9 order to perform its duties. The first meeting of the commission shall be
10 convened at the call of the governor not later than 20 days following appoint-
11 ment of the members of the commission.

12 * Sec. 5. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall

13 (1) prepare a written analysis of the implementation of the recom-
14 mendations contained in the report made by the Advisory Committee on Minority
15 Sentencing Practices, mandated by the Eleventh Legislature, First Session,
16 under ch. 42, SLA 1979, and review and make recommendations on other subjects
17 contained in that report;

18 (2) investigate and report on practices within the justice system
19 which may violate the civil rights of or unfairly disadvantage urban or
20 rural residents, minorities or the poor;

21 (3) hold public hearings in all regions of the state for the
22 purpose of receiving testimony on complaints concerning the present justice
23 system and recommendations for improvement of the current processes;

24 (4) investigate, report and make recommendations at least annual-
25 ly, in order to effect equal access to justice and equal treatment of all
26 people in Alaska by the justice system; the reports and recommendations shall
27 be submitted to the judicial council, the governor, the chief justice of the
28 supreme court, the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, and
29 the public; and shall include minority reports of those members of the commis-

1 sion who may not be in agreement with the majority;

2 (5) prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the legislature
3 for approval of appropriations from the general fund for expenses of the
4 commission.

5 (b) The final report of the commission shall be submitted by April 1,
6 1985, to the judicial council, the governor, the chief justice of the state
7 supreme court, and the presiding officer of each house of the legislature.

8 * Sec. 6. POWERS. (a) The commission may

9 (1) hire staff needed to assist the commission in the performance
10 of its duties under this Act;

11 (2) select a chairman and other officers as needed from members of
12 the commission;

13 (3) within the limits of legislative appropriations for the pur-
14 pose, contract for services needed to carry out the duties of the commission.

15 * Sec. 7. COOPERATION FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.

16 State agencies, boards and commissions, and political subdivisions of the
17 state shall cooperate and provide, without charge, information as requested
18 by the commission in the performance of its duties. The commission may pay
19 the actual cost of research projects it requests.

20 * Sec. 8. DEFINITIONS. In this Act

21 (1) "commission" means the Advisory Commission on Justice;

22 (2) "justice system" includes the court system, the executive
23 branch, and local government entities.

24 * Sec. 9. TERMINATION. The commission terminates May 1, 1985.

25 * Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accord-
26 ance with AS 01.10.070(c).

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