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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act transferring the Council on Science and Technology from the Department of Environmental Conservation to the Department of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 44.21 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 4. ALASKA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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Sec. 44.21.200. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. (a) The Alaska Council on Science and Technology is established. The council is a part of the Department of Administration for administrative purposes and services only.

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(b) The council consists of seven members who are appointed by the governor upon the recommendations of the state's scientific, engineering, and related communities and organizations. Two members shall be selected from different executive departments of state government having significant research activities, two members shall be selected from the Alaska academic community, two members shall have significant activities or direct interests in research and shall be selected from the general public, and one member shall be selected from the staff of the legislature.

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(c) Council members receive no compensation but are entitled to the travel and per diem provided by law for members of boards or commissions.

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(d) Members of the council have three year terms.

1 (e) The council shall elect one of its members as chairman. A  
2 chairman may be elected for successive terms as chairman and serves  
3 until his successor is designated.

4 (f) Four members of the council constitute a quorum.

5 Sec. 44.21.202. PURPOSE, POWERS, AND DUTIES. (a) The purpose of  
6 the council is to review and recommend the scientific and technological  
7 research needs of state government, to issue research grants and con-  
8 tracts, to oversee the issued grants and contracts, to promote high  
9 standards of research for the priorities proposed by the council, and to  
10 address stated legislative or administrative requests for research.

11 (b) The council may

12 (1) apprise itself of local, state, federal, and private  
13 research programs, activities, and needs;

14 (2) appoint committees and task forces, and convene con-  
15 ferences, public hearings, and other meetings necessary to carry out the  
16 council's purposes;

17 (3) award research grants and contracts on a fair and compe-  
18 titive basis and administer those grants and contracts;

19 (4) enter into agreements creating one or more systems of  
20 information exchange with appropriate research financing sources;

21 (5) at the request of any state agency, enter into and admin-  
22 ister, but not perform, the research under research grants and contracts  
23 financed by that state agency;

24 (6) investigate the need for and when necessary establish  
25 advisory committees for reviewing its program;

26 (7) request and receive from any agency of the state govern-  
27 ment the assistance and data needed to carry out the requirements of  
28 this section;

29 (8) hire an executive director and staff that may be neces-

1 sary to implement AS 44.21.200 - 44.21.210.

2 (c) The council shall

3 (1) develop methods of surveying research needs of the state,  
4 based on the present and future information needs of policy makers,  
5 state agencies, and the public at large;

6 (2) annually review the research needs and propose priorities  
7 for financing the needs;

8 (3) annually submit to the governor and the legislature the  
9 findings of the council, including a listing, description, ranking, and  
10 justification of research needs, and a commentary on significant re-  
11 search activities of the preceding year financed by the state and in-  
12 cluding the relationship of that research to the state's needs and  
13 priorities;

14 (4) promote and enhance standards for research activities for  
15 which the council has administrative oversight;

16 (5) establish review procedures for research proposals;

17 (6) at the request of either the governor or the legislature,  
18 advise in a timely fashion on inquiries concerning scientific investiga-  
19 tion or comment;

20 (7) evaluate and forward to appropriate agencies and persons  
21 products of research activities financed by the council; the council  
22 shall prepare comments to accompany research reports summarizing the  
23 applications, importance, or further research needs demonstrated by the  
24 findings of council-supported research;

25 (8) coordinate its data and information needs with other  
26 research organizations in order to avoid unnecessary duplication;

27 (9) not conduct any research itself other than that necessary  
28 to further the purpose of the council as provided in (a) of this sec-  
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1 (10) supply to a person or agency requesting assistance the  
2 available information on past or present research activities for which  
3 the council has information, except that the council may not release  
4 information which may endanger the acceptance of a research proposal  
5 which is at the time competing with other proposals for financing.

6 Sec. 44.21.204. GRANTS. The council may, as funds are appro-  
7 priated, make grants of financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to persons  
8 engaged in the development or implementation of northern technology. An  
9 application for a grant under this subsection shall be submitted to the  
10 council which shall determine the manner in which applications are  
11 reviewed and approved. The council may make grants in coordination with  
12 other sources of financing. An applicant for money for a demonstration  
13 project shall include with his application a statement that the completed  
14 project will be available for public inspection. A patent or royalty  
15 accruing from projects financed through a grant made by the council  
16 remains the property of the individual receiving the grant.

17 Sec. 44.21.206. RECORDS, REPORTS. (a) The council shall have its  
18 financial records audited by an independent certified public accountant.  
19 The internal auditor and legislative auditor shall jointly prescribe the  
20 form and content of the financial records of the council and shall be  
21 afforded access to these records at any time.

22 (b) Before January 15 of each year, the council shall submit to  
23 the governor and the legislature a comprehensive report describing  
24 operations and expenditures and the status of grants and contracts for  
25 the last preceding fiscal year.

26 (c) The provisions of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120 apply to the coun-  
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28 Sec. 44.21.208. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.21.200 - 44.21.210,

29 (1) "council" means the Alaska Council on Science and Tech-

1 nology established in AS 44.21.200;

2 (2) "northern technology" means the application in Alaska of  
3 methods of energy generation, waste disposal, recycling, food produc-  
4 tion, transportation, building design, and industrial enterprise which  
5 may be more efficient, and less costly and less energy intensive than  
6 those methods presently used and which are appropriate to the Alaska  
7 environment.

8 Sec. 44.21.210. SHORT TITLE. AS 44.21.200 - 44.21.210 may be  
9 cited as the Science and Technology Act.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120(12) is amended to read:

11 (12) the executive director, but not other staff, of the  
12 Alaska Council on Science and Technology located in the Department of  
13 Administration [ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION].

14 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.46.070 - 44.46.110 are repealed.

15 \* Sec. 4. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. (a) Contracts and proceedings entered  
16 into by the Alaska Council on Science and Technology are not affected by the  
17 relocation of the council from the Department of Environmental Conservation  
18 to the Department of Administration made by this Act.

19 (b) Members of the Alaska Council on Science and Technology serving on  
20 the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act continue to serve as members of the  
21 council for the duration of the term for which appointed under AS 44.19.181-  
22 (a), repealed by Executive Order No. 46.

23 \* Sec. 5. AS 44.21.204, enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, terminates June 30,  
24 1984.

25 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 2, 1980.

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