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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 931 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act transferring the Council on Science and Tech-
7 nology from the Department of Environmental Conserva-
8 tion to the Department of Administration; and providing
9 for an effective date."

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

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

12 ARTICLE 4. ALASKA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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

17 (b) The council consists of a state representative appointed by
18 the speaker of the house of representatives, a state senator appointed
19 by the president of the senate, and seven members who are appointed by
20 the governor upon the recommendations of the state's scientific, engine-
21 ering, and related communities and organizations. Two members shall be
22 selected from different executive departments of state government having
23 significant research activities, two members shall be selected from the
24 Alaska academic community, two members shall have significant activities
25 or direct interests in research and shall be selected from the general
26 public, and one member shall be selected from the staff of the legisla-
27 ture. The members of the legislature appointed to the council are
28 nonvoting members of the council.

29 (c) Council members receive no compensation but are entitled to

1 the travel and per diem provided by law for members of boards or commis-
2 sions.

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

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

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

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

14 (b) The council may

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (7) request and receive from any agency of the state govern-

1 ment the assistance and data needed to carry out the requirements of
2 this section;

3 (8) hire an executive director and staff that may be neces-
4 sary to implement AS 44.21.200 - 44.21.210.

5 (c) The council shall

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

9 (2) annually review the research needs and propose priorities
10 for financing the needs;

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

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

19 (5) establish review procedures for research proposals;

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

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

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

1 (9) not conduct any research itself other than that necessary
2 to further the purpose of the council as provided in (a) of this sec-
3 tion;

4 (10) supply to a person or agency requesting assistance the
5 available information on past or present research activities for which
6 the council has information, except that the council may not release
7 information which may endanger the acceptance of a research proposal
8 which is at the time competing with other proposals for financing.

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

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

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

29 (c) The provisions of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120 apply to the coun-

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2 Sec. 44.21.208. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.21.200 - 44.21.210,

3 (1) "council" means the Alaska Council on Science and Tech-
4 nology established in AS 44.21.200;

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

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

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

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

17 * Sec. 3. AS 44.46.070 - 44.46.110 are repealed.

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

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

26 * Sec. 5. AS 44.21.204, enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, terminates June 30,
27 1984.

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

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