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2 SENATE BILL NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing social services policy councils in  
7 the Department of Health and Social Services and pro-  
8 viding for an adventure-based education program."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 47. SOCIAL SERVICES POLICY COUNCILS.

12 ARTICLE 1. REGIONAL POLICY COUNCILS.

13 Sec. 47.47.010. REGIONS. For the purposes of this chapter six  
14 regional areas are established. The geographic boundaries of each  
15 region consist of the combined operating area of the named regional  
16 corporations as follows:

17 (1) Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Nana Regional Corpor-  
18 ation, and Bering Straits Native Corporation;

19 (2) Doyon, Ltd., and Ahtna Inc.;

20 (3) Calista Corporation and Bristol Bay Native Corporation;

21 (4) Koniag, Inc. and Aleut Corporation;

22 (5) Cook Inlet Region, Inc.;

23 (6) Sealaska Corporation and Chugach Natives Inc.

24 Sec. 47.47.020. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL COUNCILS. There is  
25 established in the Department of Health and Social Services a social  
26 services regional policy council for each region established in AS 47.  
27 47.010.

28 Sec. 47.47.030. COMPOSITION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS. Each regional  
29 council consists of 15 members appointed by the governor and confirmed

1 by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. The  
2 members of each council shall be residents of the region in which that  
3 council functions. Each council consists of

4 (1) two members who are shareholders of a regional corpo-  
5 ration established under sec. 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
6 Act;

7 (2) two members who are probation officers employed by the  
8 division of corrections;

9 (3) two members who are members of district school boards or  
10 regional educational attendance area school boards;

11 (4) two members who are social workers employed by the divi-  
12 sion of social services;

13 (5) two members who are judicial officers or employees of the  
14 Alaska Court System;

15 (6) five public members.

16 Sec. 47.47.040. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) Members of each regional  
17 council shall be appointed for overlapping terms of three years.

18 (b) The governor shall appoint the initial members of each region-  
19 al council within 30 days of the effective date of this Act. Of the  
20 initial appointees to each regional council, one-third shall be ap-  
21 pointed for three-year terms, one-third for two-year terms, and one-  
22 third for one-year terms.

23 (c) Subsequent terms for all board members are three years.

24 (d) A vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled by  
25 appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the vacated  
26 term.

27 (e) Board members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

28 Sec. 47.47.050. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, AND EXPENSES. Members of  
29 each regional council receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem,

1 reimbursement for travel and costs of child care consequent to service  
2 on the commission, and other expenses authorized by law.

3 Sec. 47.47.060. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at the call of  
4 the chairman at least once a month. A majority of the members consti-  
5 tutes a quorum.

6 Sec. 47.47.070. DUTIES. (a) Each regional council shall

7 (1) undertake and maintain a continuing review of the pro-  
8 grams, in its region, of the divisions of social services, corrections,  
9 and public assistance in the department to determine whether

10 (A) the services which those divisions are authorized to  
11 provide are being effectively delivered;

12 (B) the services of those divisions are being provided  
13 in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the people of the  
14 region;

15 (C) the programs of those divisions are being operated  
16 in coordination with other programs of the department and those of  
17 other service agencies;

18 (2) evaluate the juvenile justice system in its region and  
19 recommend changes it considers desirable;

20 (3) review program proposals for establishment of adventure-  
21 based education programs on the basis of compliance with the criteria  
22 established in AS 14.11.010;

23 (4) annually review adventure-based education programs esta-  
24 blished under AS 14.11.020;

25 (5) acting in an advisory capacity, annually transmit the  
26 findings of the reviews and evaluations authorized by this section to  
27 the executive council established in AS 47.47.080;

28 (6) elect members to serve on the executive council estab-  
29 lished by AS 47.47.080.

1 (b) A regional council may hold public hearings if necessary to  
2 carry out its duties under this chapter.

3 Sec. 47.47.075. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL. Each regional council  
4 shall employ and determine the compensation of one full-time employee to  
5 coordinate the efforts of the council and perform other duties the  
6 council may prescribe. Each council may select, employ, and determine  
7 the compensation of other personnel as necessary. No employee may be a  
8 member of the council.

9 ARTICLE 2. EXECUTIVE POLICY COUNCIL.

10 Sec. 47.47.080. ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. There is  
11 established in the Department of Health and Social Services a Social  
12 Services Executive Policy Council. The executive council consists of 12  
13 members, two of whom are appointed by each of the regional policy coun-  
14 cils established by AS 47.47.030.

15 Sec. 47.47.090. TERM OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the executive  
16 council serve for a term of one year and may be reappointed.

17 (b) Each regional council shall appoint the initial two members to  
18 the executive council within 45 days of the first meeting of the region-  
19 al council. The initial terms expire March 31, 1981.

20 (c) Subsequent terms for all members are one year.

21 (d) A vacancy in the membership of the executive council shall be  
22 filled by appointment of the regional council from whose representation  
23 the vacancy occurred for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

24 (e) Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing regional  
25 council.

26 Sec. 47.47.100. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, AND EXPENSES. Members of  
27 the executive council receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem,  
28 reimbursement for travel and costs of child care consequent to service  
29 on the executive council, and other expenses authorized by law.

1           Sec. 47.47.110. MEETINGS. The executive council shall meet at the  
2 call of the chairman at least once each quarter. A majority of the  
3 members constitutes a quorum.

4           Sec. 47.47.120. DUTIES. (a) The executive council shall

5                 (1) undertake and maintain a continuing review and evaluation  
6 of the programs of the divisions of social services, corrections, and  
7 public assistance in the department and the findings of the regional  
8 councils to determine whether

9                     (A) the services which those divisions are authorized to  
10 provide are being effectively delivered;

11                    (B) the services of those divisions are being provided  
12 in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the people of the  
13 state;

14                    (C) the programs of those divisions are being operated  
15 in coordination with other programs of the department and those of  
16 other service agencies;

17                 (2) evaluate the juvenile justice system in the state and  
18 recommend changes and improvements it considers desirable;

19                 (3) prepare a statewide plan for establishment of an adven-  
20 ture-based education program to effect diversion of appropriate juvenile  
21 offenders from institutional placements and to prevent potentially  
22 delinquent juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system; this  
23 plan shall insure that both the wilderness adventure component and the  
24 follow-up component are adequately provided for in accordance with  
25 principles and practices established by recognized professionals in the  
26 field;

27                 (4) acting in an advisory capacity, annually transmit the  
28 findings of the review and evaluation authorized by this section to the  
29 commissioner and to the directors of the divisions of social services,

1 corrections, and public assistance in the department, together with any  
2 recommendations for administrative or legislative changes it considers  
3 appropriate;

4 (5) review the budgets of the divisions of public assistance,  
5 corrections, and social services in the department for the succeeding  
6 fiscal year, and review any transfers or changes between objects of  
7 expenditure, allocations, and appropriations for the current fiscal  
8 year, to determine if expenditures will effectively implement the goals  
9 and objectives of those divisions.

10 (b) The executive council may hold public hearings if necessary to  
11 carry out its duties under this chapter.

12 Sec. 47.47.130. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL. The executive council  
13 shall employ and determine the salary of an executive director. The  
14 executive director may, with the approval of the board, select and  
15 employ additional staff as necessary. The executive director may not be  
16 a member of the council.

17 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

18 Sec. 47.47.140. SUPPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT. The department shall

19 (1) provide the regional councils and the executive council  
20 with technical and other assistance, including secretarial and clerical  
21 services;

22 (2) submit to each regional council and the executive coun-  
23 cil, simultaneously with transmittal to the division of budget and  
24 management in the Office of the Governor,

25 (A) the budgets of the divisions of public assistance,  
26 corrections, and social services in the department for the succeed-  
27 ing fiscal year; and

28 (B) any transfers or changes in the budgets of those  
29 divisions between objects of expenditure, allocations, and appro-

1           priations for the current fiscal year;

2           (3) send representatives to public hearings held by the  
3 executive council or any regional council when a council so requests.

4           Sec. 47.47.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

5           (1) "adventure-based education" means an educational program  
6 which includes:

7           (A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming,  
8 weight training and the like;

9           (B) technical training: the use of specialized tools  
10 and equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life  
11 saving, drown-proofing and solo survival;

12           (C) safety training; since some of the program activi-  
13 ties can be hazardous, safety training is basic and continually  
14 stressed in all activities;

15           (D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation  
16 exercises and fire fighting; and

17           (E) solitary living for a short period with minimal  
18 equipment;

19           (2) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
20 Services;

21           (3) "executive council" means the Social Services Executive  
22 Policy Council;

23           (4) "regional council" means a social services regional  
24 policy council.

25 \* Sec. 2. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

26           CHAPTER 11. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION.

27           Sec. 14.11.010. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAM. An adventure-  
28 based education program is a program designed to bring adventure-based  
29 education to high school students and appropriate juvenile offenders.

1 Criteria for the adventure-based education program shall be established  
2 by the Social Services Executive Policy Council. The criteria shall  
3 include provisions for

- 4 (1) adequate physical facilities for a program;
- 5 (2) adequately trained staff members who need not be certi-  
6 ficated as teachers or administrators;
- 7 (3) minimum program standards;
- 8 (4) compliance with the statewide plan established by the  
9 Social Services Executive Policy Council;
- 10 (5) approval by the social services regional policy council  
11 within whose region the physical facilities for the program are located;
- 12 (6) at least annual review of the program by the social  
13 services regional policy council within whose region the physical facil-  
14 ities for the program are located;
- 15 (7) selection by local schools throughout the state of out-  
16 standing students to participate in the program;
- 17 (8) selection by the courts of appropriate juvenile offenders  
18 to participate in the program.

19 Sec..14.11.015. FUNDING. (a) The department shall provide for  
20 the establishment of adventure-based education programs based upon  
21 requests for funding by the Social Services Executive Policy Council and  
22 in order to accomplish that purpose may

- 23 (1) enter into a contract with a school district or other  
24 contractor for the administration, supervision, operation or subcon-  
25 tracting of the adventure-based education program within its service  
26 area;
- 27 (2) require all school district contractors and other recipi-  
28 ents of state adventure-based education funds to submit to the depart-  
29 ment an annual report, which includes a financial statement and other

1 operational data required by the department.

2 (b) Each school district or contractor is entitled to receive  
3 reimbursement from the state for the operation of the adventure-based  
4 education program on a unit cost or reimbursement cost basis determined  
5 by the department.

6 Sec. 14.11.020. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

7 (1) "adventure-based education" means an educational program  
8 which includes:

9 (A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming,  
10 weight training and the like;

11 (B) technical training: the use of specialized tools  
12 and equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life  
13 saving, drown-proofing and solo survival;

14 (C) safety training; since some of the program activi-  
15 ties can be hazardous, safety training is basic and continually  
16 stressed in all activities;

17 (D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation  
18 exercises and fire fighting; and

19 (E) solitary living for a short period with minimal  
20 equipment;

21 (2) "Social Services Executive Policy Council" means the  
22 council established in AS 47.47.080;

23 (3) "social services regional policy council" means those  
24 councils established in AS 47.47.020.

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