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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 412

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for an Advisory Committee on Judicial
7 Sentencing Practices; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL SENTENCING PRACTICES. There
11 is established the Advisory Committee on Judicial Sentencing Practices as a
12 temporary committee to investigate the sentences received by those who commit
13 crimes of violence against females as compared with the sentences received by
14 those who commit crimes of violence against males.

15 * Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Advisory Committee on Judicial Sentencing
16 Practices is composed of seven members, selected as follows:

17 (1) three members, including at least one woman, appointed by the
18 Legislative Council, who are broadly representative of criminal justice
19 agencies;

20 (2) two men, one appointed by the presiding officer of each house
21 of the legislature; and

22 (3) two women, one appointed by the presiding officer of each
23 house of the legislature.

24 (b) Appointments shall be made with due consideration to the availa-
25 bility and willingness of an appointee to devote the time and efforts neces-
26 sary to permit the committee to function effectively, and with regard to the
27 degree of commitment of an appointee to the principle of equal justice under
28 law for all people. Appointments shall be without regard to political affil-
29 lation, and shall be made, if possible, within 20 days of the effective date

1 of this Act, or of the effective date of any vacancy in the membership of the
2 committee.

3 (c) An appointment to fill a vacancy on the committee shall be made in
4 the manner provided in (a) of this section.

5 * Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. The members of the Advisory Committee on Judi-
6 cial Sentencing Practices do not receive compensation for their services, but
7 they are entitled to the same travel pay and per diem as state officials and
8 employees.

9 * Sec. 4. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The members of the Advisory Com-
10 mittee on Judicial Sentencing Practices shall elect a chairman and vice-
11 chairman from the members of the committee.

12 * Sec. 5. MEETINGS. The Advisory Committee on Judicial Sentencing Prac-
13 tices shall meet at least once every two months to carry out its duties under
14 this Act. The first meeting of the committee shall be convened at the call
15 of the chairman of the Legislative Council not later than 20 days following
16 appointment of the seven members of the committee.

17 * Sec. 6. DUTIES. The Advisory Committee on Judicial Sentencing Prac-
18 tices shall

19 (1) receive and review reports concerning sentencing, correction,
20 probation, and parole practices and procedures, with particular regard to the
21 treatment of individuals who have committed similar crimes but whose victims
22 were of different sexes;

23 (2) hold public hearings and meetings to determine whether in-
24 dividuals are being unfairly disadvantaged in their involvement with the
25 criminal justice system based on the sex of their victims;

26 (3) complete a report with recommendations for the correction of
27 abuses and violations of the rights of individuals that may be found to exist
28 in the criminal justice system, furnishing copies to the Legislative Council,
29 the governor, and the presiding officer of each house of the legislature not

1 later than February 1, 1981.

2 * Sec. 7. TERMINATION. The Advisory Committee on Judicial Sentencing
3 Practices terminates February 28, 1981.

4 * Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accord-
5 ance with AS 01.10.070(c).

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