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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 458

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 a Commission on Violence."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 5. COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE.

10 Sec. 24.20.575. COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE. The commission on vio-  
11 lence is established as a permanent commission of the legislature.

12 Sec. 24.20.577. MEMBERSHIP. The commission consists of two legis-  
13 lators, one from each house, appointed by the presiding officer of each  
14 house; a designee of the governor, who is an attorney employed by the  
15 executive branch of the state government; and a psychiatrist, physician,  
16 and clergyman each appointed by the governor. Legislative members serve  
17 at the pleasure of the presiding officer, and appointed members serve at  
18 the pleasure of the governor.

19 Sec. 24.20.579. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission serve  
20 without compensation, but are entitled to the travel expenses and per  
21 diem authorized under AS 39.20.180.

22 Sec. 24.20.581. DUTIES AND POWERS. (a) The commission shall

23 (1) identify causes for the high rate of violence in the  
24 state;

25 (2) study economic, social, geographic, climatic, and racial  
26 factors and the relationship of these cultural factors to the incidence  
27 of violence in the state;

28 (3) conduct continuing research into the nature and cause of  
29 violence in the state; and

1 (4) report to the legislature and governor under AS 24.20.-  
2 582.

3 (b) The commission may

4 (1) hold public hearings and other meetings as necessary  
5 throughout the state and shall determine an appropriate quorum for  
6 conducting business;

7 (2) establish one or more subcommissions to assist it in the  
8 performance of its duties.

9 Sec. 24.20.582. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The commission shall,  
10 at the beginning of each legislative session, report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the legislature. The commission may recommend legis-  
12 lative action. The commission shall file the report with the governor  
13 and the legislative council by December 31 of each year. The legisla-  
14 tive council shall prepare a copy of the report for each member of the  
15 legislature. The commission shall make copies of the report available  
16 to the public.

17 Sec. 24.20.583. COOPERATION OF STATE AGENCIES. All branches of  
18 state government shall provide information and documents requested by  
19 the commission unless the information is made confidential by law.

20 Sec. 24.20.585. DEFINITIONS. In AS 24.20.575 - 24.20.585

21 (1) "commission" means the Commission on Violence;

22 (2) "violence" means the use of physical force so as to  
23 threaten or cause injury or damage to a person or to property.  
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