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2 SENATE BILL NO. 489

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 communications service agency."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 42 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 23. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGENCY.

10 Sec. 42.23.010. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGENCY. There is estab-
11 lished in the Office of the Governor the communications service agency.

12 Sec. 42.23.020. DIRECTOR. The agency is administered by a direc-
13 tor who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

14 Sec. 42.23.030. PERSONNEL. The director shall employ the per-
15 sonnel necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

16 Sec. 42.23.040. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR. (a) The direc-
17 tor shall

18 (1) supervise and administer the activities of the agency;

19 (2) advise the governor on matters of comprehensive state
20 planning for telecommunications services;

21 (3) make an annual report to the governor of the activities
22 of the agency.

23 (b) The director may

24 (1) with the written concurrence of the governor, enter into
25 contracts and subcontracts on behalf of the state to carry out the
26 provisions of this chapter;

27 (2) act for the state in the initiation, investigation,
28 evaluation of or participation in any program related to the purposes of
29 the agency which involves more than one government or governmental unit;

1 (3) on behalf of the state, accept and expend gifts or grants
2 made to the state with the approval of the governor if the gifts or
3 grants were made for the purposes of furthering the objectives of the
4 agency.

5 Sec. 42.23.050. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE AGENCY. (a) The
6 agency shall

7 (1) coordinate and supervise the existing state programs in
8 telecommunications;

9 (2) cooperate with public utilities and private enterprises
10 to provide effective telecommunications to all residents of the state;

11 (3) provide technical assistance to the governor and the
12 legislature in identifying long range goals and objectives for the state
13 and its political subdivisions in the field of telecommunications;

14 (4) prepare and maintain a state comprehensive telecommunica-
15 tions development plan;

16 (5) provide information and assistance to state agencies to
17 promote governmental coordination and unity in the preparation of agency
18 plans and programs involving the use of telecommunications;

19 (6) review planning within state government as may be neces-
20 sary for receipt of federal, state or other funds;

21 (7) participate with other countries, provinces, states or
22 subdivisions of these international or interstate planning, and assist
23 Alaska's local governments, governmental conferences and councils, in
24 planning and coordinating their activities relating to telecommunica-
25 tions;

26 (8) encourage educational and research programs that further
27 the development of effective telecommunications; and

28 (9) serve as a clearinghouse for information, data, and other
29 materials which may be helpful or necessary to federal, state or local

1 governmental agencies in the development of telecommunication systems.

2 (b) The agency shall, in carrying out its functions, consult with
3 local, regional, state and federal officials, private groups and indi-
4 viduals, and with officials, of other countries, provinces and states,
5 and may hold public hearings to obtain information for the purpose of
6 carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

7 (c) The division shall

8 (1) coordinate its services and activities with those of
9 other state departments and agencies to the fullest extent possible to
10 avoid duplication;

11 (2) prepare an integrated annual report on telecommunications
12 in the state and submit it to the governor for incorporation into his
13 report to the legislature;

14 (3) cooperate with the University of Alaska and other appro-
15 priate public and private institutions in research and investigations.

16 Sec. 42.23.060. AGENCY MAY ACCEPT GRANTS AND OTHER AID. The
17 agency may apply for and receive from the federal government, its
18 agencies, or from other public or private sources, gifts, grants or
19 other aids available for its purposes.

20 Sec. 42.23.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

21 (1) "agency" means the communications service agency;

22 (2) "director" means the director of the communications
23 service agency; and

24 (3) "telecommunications" means the transmission and reception
25 of messages, impressions, pictures and signals by means of electricity,
26 electromagnetic waves and any other kind of energy, force variations or
27 impulses whether conveyed by cable, wire, radiated through space, or
28 transmitted through other media within a specified area or between
29 designated points.

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* Sec. 2. AS 39.05.020(14) is amended to read:
(14) director, communications service agency [OFFICE OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS];