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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 240

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Vocational Education Task  
7 Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. A Vocational Education Task Force is established to examine  
10 vocational education in Alaska and to recommend legislation which would  
11 improve the delivery of vocational and technical education services to the  
12 people of Alaska.

13 \* Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Vocational Education Task Force consists  
14 of nine members, appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 15 (1) a member of the Alaska State Vocational Association;  
16 (2) a president of a community college located in the state;  
17 (3) a superintendent of a borough or city school district, or  
18 regional educational attendance area;  
19 (4) an employee of the Department of Labor whose position involves  
20 job placement services;  
21 (5) a member familiar with the employment needs of rural Alaska;  
22 (6) a member representing the agricultural industry of the state;  
23 (7) a member representing the fish processing industry of the  
24 state;  
25 (8) a member representing the oil and gas industry of the state;  
26 (9) a member of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce.

27 (b) Appointments shall be made with consideration of the availability  
28 and willingness of an appointee to devote the time and effort necessary to  
29 permit the Vocational Education Task Force to function effectively. Appoint-

ments shall be made without regard to political affiliation, and shall be made, if possible, within 20 days of the effective date of this Act, or within 20 days of the date of a vacancy in the membership of the task force.

(c) A vacancy in office shall be filled in the manner prescribed for initial appointments.

\* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the Vocational Education Task Force serves without compensation, but is entitled to the same travel pay and per diem authorized by law for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.-20.180.

\* Sec. 4. TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP. The Vocational Education Task Force shall elect one of its members to chair the task force.

\* Sec. 5. MEETINGS. The Vocational Education Task Force shall meet at least once each month to carry out the duties prescribed in this Act. The first meeting of the task force shall be convened at the call of the governor not later than 30 days following appointment of all of the members of the task force.

\* Sec. 6. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Vocational Education Task Force shall

(1) consult with the Department of Education, the University of Alaska, the Alaska State Advisory Council on Vocational and Career Education, the Alaska State Vocational Education Planning Council, the Manpower Services Council, private vocational and technical institutions, and other relevant organizations, on the current state of policy, planning, and evaluation, of vocational education and delivery of vocational education services in the state;

(2) make recommendations to improve the structure, policy, planning, and evaluation of vocational education and the delivery of vocational education services so as to meet the vocational and technical education needs of the state;

1 (3) review existing state and federal law on vocational education  
2 in order to propose legislation which would implement the recommendations of  
3 the task force; and

4 (4) complete a report with recommendations to the legislature for  
5 legislation to implement the conclusions of the task force regarding the  
6 operation of vocational education programs in the state, furnishing copies  
7 of the report to the Department of Education, the governor, and the presid-  
8 ing officer of each house of the legislature by February 1, 1982.

9 (b) The Vocational Education Task Force may hold public hearings and  
10 meetings to consider aspects of vocational education programs in the state.

11 \* Sec. 7. STAFF. The Vocational Education Task Force may employ staff  
12 to enable it to carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

13 \* Sec. 8. TERMINATION. The Vocational Education Task Force terminates  
14 February 28, 1982.

15 \* Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accor-  
16 dance with AS 01.10.070(c).

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