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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 240 (HESS)

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 and  
7 Employment Training Task Force; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

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

15 \* Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Vocational Education and Employment  
16 Training Task Force consists of 13 members, appointed by the governor as  
17 follows:

18 (1) a member of the governing body of the Alaska State Vocational  
19 Association;

20 (2) a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska;

21 (3) a member of the state Board of Education;

22 (4) a member of the Alaska State Advisory Council on Vocational  
23 Education;

24 (5) an employee of the Department of Labor whose position involves  
25 employment training;

26 (6) a member of a statewide Native organization who is familiar  
27 with the employment needs of rural Alaska Natives;

28 (7) a member of a statewide organization representing the agri-  
29 cultural industry of the state;

1 (8) a member of a statewide organization representing the fishing  
2 industry of the state;

3 (9) a member of a statewide organization representing the oil and  
4 gas industry of the state;

5 (10) a member of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce;

6 (11) a member of a statewide labor organization;

7 (12) a member of a statewide organization representing the con-  
8 struction industry;

9 (13) a vocational school student.

10 (b) Appointments shall be made with consideration of the availability  
11 and willingness of an appointee to devote the time and effort necessary to  
12 permit the Vocational Education and Employment Training Task Force to  
13 function effectively. Appointments shall be made without regard to political  
14 affiliation, and shall be made, if possible, within 20 days of the effective  
15 date of this Act, or within 20 days of the date of a vacancy in the member-  
16 ship of the task force.

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

19 \* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the Vocational Education and  
20 Employment Training Task Force serves without compensation, but is entitled  
21 to the same travel pay and per diem authorized by law for members of boards  
22 and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

23 \* Sec. 4. TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP. The Vocational Education and Employ-  
24 ment Training Task Force shall elect one of its members to chair the task  
25 force.

26 \* Sec. 5. MEETINGS. The Vocational Education and Employment Training  
27 Task Force shall meet at least once each month to carry out the duties  
28 prescribed in this Act. The first meeting of the task force shall be  
29 convened at the call of the governor not later than 30 days following ap-

1 pointment of all of the members of the task force.

2 \* Sec. 6. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Vocational Education and Employ-  
3 ment Training Task Force shall

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

10 (2) make recommendations to improve the structure, policy, plan-  
11 ning, delivery, and evaluation of vocational education and employment train-  
12 ing so as to meet the vocational education and employment training needs of  
13 the state;

14 (3) review existing state and federal law on vocational education  
15 and employment training in order to propose legislation which would implement  
16 the recommendations of the task force; and

17 (4) complete a report with recommendations to the legislature for  
18 legislation to implement the conclusions of the task force regarding the  
19 operation of vocational education and employment training programs in the  
20 state, furnishing copies of the report to the state Board of Education, the  
21 Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, the governor, and the presid-  
22 ing officer of each house of the legislature by February 1, 1982.

23 (b) The Vocational Education and Employment Training Task Force may  
24 hold public hearings and meetings on its findings before submission of its  
25 report.

26 \* Sec. 7. STAFF. The Vocational Education and Employment Training Task  
27 Force shall employ staff to enable it to carry out its responsibilities  
28 under this Act.

29 \* Sec. 8. TERMINATION. The Vocational Education and Employment Training

1 Task Force terminates February 28, 1982.

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

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