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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 317

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to emergency services communications."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 29.48.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (8) establish an emergency communications center under  
10 AS 29.73.080.

11 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.73 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 29.73.080. EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS. (a)

13 A municipality may establish an emergency services communications  
14 center with one or more other municipalities and one or more state  
15 agencies which provide emergency service communications to the same  
16 geographic area in which the municipality is located. An emergency  
17 services communications center created under this chapter shall be  
18 organized and operated as a public nonprofit corporation under AS 10.20.

19 (b) A nonprofit corporation organized to operate an emergency  
20 services communications center under this section shall be governed by  
21 a board of directors consisting of the head of each emergency service  
22 agency participating in the operation of the center, a member repre-  
23 senting each participating municipality appointed by the chief executive  
24 officer of the municipality, and a member representing each participat-  
25 ing state agency appointed by the director of that agency. The board  
26 may adopt bylaws which provide for the appointment of additional board  
27 members. Members of a board of directors created under this section  
28 serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel  
29 expenses authorized by law for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.-

1 180. A member of a board of directors under this section may not be  
2 employed by a nonprofit corporation which operates an emergency services  
3 communications center.

4 (c) An emergency services communications center shall assess the  
5 feasibility and desirability of providing emergency services communi-  
6 cations for the geographic area in which it is located through one  
7 central office. An emergency services communications center may

8 (1) combine or coordinate the existing emergency services  
9 communications programs of the participating municipalities and agen-  
10 cies;

11 (2) operate a dispatch center to receive all requests for  
12 emergency services and dispatch those services;

13 (3) study the need for improvement in the timely delivery of  
14 emergency services to residents of the participating municipalities;

15 (4) hold public hearings to obtain information concerning  
16 the timely delivery of emergency services;

17 (5) apply for and accept federal, state, and private money,  
18 property, or assistance for use in providing the timely delivery of  
19 emergency services;

20 (6) enter into contracts to carry out the provisions of this  
21 chapter;

22 (7) employ personnel necessary to carry out the provisions  
23 of this chapter.

24 (d) In this section

25 (1) "emergency services" means services provided by law  
26 enforcement agencies, fire departments, ambulance services, and other  
27 organizations which are intended to respond to emergency situations of  
28 imminent danger to life or property;

29 (2) "emergency service agency" means an agency which provides

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emergency services;

(3) "state agency" means a department, division, or office  
in the executive branch of state government.