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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FULLER AND CLOCKSIN

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 384

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 Alaska Native Child Welfare
7 Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. ALASKA NATIVE CHILD WELFARE TASK FORCE. The Alaska Native
10 Child Welfare Task Force is established to study and recommend legislative
11 changes to implement the provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

12 * Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force
13 is composed of 15 members, selected as follows:

14 (1) an Alaska Native shareholder from each of the 12 Alaska-based
15 regional Native corporations created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
16 Act, to be appointed by the governor;

17 (2) the commissioner of health and social services or his desig-
18 nee;

19 (3) the administrator of the Alaska Court System or his designee;

20 (4) an assistant attorney general appointed by the governor.

21 (b) Appointments shall be made with due consideration to the availa-
22 bility and willingness of an appointee to devote the time and effort neces-
23 sary to permit the task force to function effectively. Appointments shall
24 be without regard to political affiliation, and shall be made, if possible,
25 within 20 days of the effective date of this Act, or within 20 days of the
26 date of any vacancy in the membership of the task force.

27 (c) Vacancies in office shall be filled in the manner prescribed for
28 initial appointments.

29 * Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the Alaska Native Child Welfare

1 Task Force serves without compensation, but is entitled to the same travel
2 pay and per diem authorized by law for members of boards and commissions.

3 * Sec. 4. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. The members of the Alaska Native
4 Child Welfare Task Force shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from
5 among the members of the task force.

6 * Sec. 5. MEETINGS. The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force shall
7 meet at least once every two months to carry out the duties prescribed in
8 this Act. The first meeting of the task force shall be convened at the call
9 of the governor not later than 30 days following appointment of the 15
10 members of the task force.

11 * Sec. 6. DUTIES. The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force shall

12 (1) study the federal Indian Child Welfare Act in order to recom-
13 mend legislative changes to implement the concepts contained in the Indian
14 Child Welfare Act;

15 (2) if the task force considers it necessary, hold public hearings
16 and meetings to consider the effect of the Indian Child Welfare Act on
17 Alaska Natives;

18 (3) complete a report with recommendations to the legislature for
19 legislation which would implement the concepts contained in the Indian Child
20 Welfare Act in Alaska, furnishing copies of the report to the Department of
21 Health and Social Services, the governor, and the presiding officer of each
22 house of the legislature not later than February 1, 1982.

23 * Sec. 7. TERMINATION. The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force ter-
24 minates February 28, 1982.

25 * Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accor-
26 dance with AS 01.10.070(c).