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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 384 (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 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 judicial, and administrative changes to implement the provisions of the  
12 federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

13 \* Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force  
14 is composed of 13 voting members and 6 nonvoting ex officio members, selected  
15 as follows:

16 (1) voting members: a representative from each of the 13 regional  
17 Native corporations created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to  
18 be appointed by the governor;

19 (2) ex officio members:

20 (A) the commissioner of health and social services or a  
21 person designated by the commissioner;

22 (B) the administrator of the Alaska Court System or a person  
23 designated by the administrator;

24 (C) the attorney general or a person designated by the  
25 attorney general;

26 (D) the person who chairs the senate health, education and  
27 social services committee;

28 (E) the person who chairs the house health, education and  
29 social services committee; and

1 (F) the executive director of the Alaska Legal Services  
2 Corporation or a person designated by the executive director.

3 (b) Appointments under (a)(1) of this section shall be made with due  
4 consideration to the availability and willingness of an appointee to devote  
5 the time and effort necessary to permit the task force to function effec-  
6 tively. Appointments shall be without regard to political affiliation, and  
7 shall be made, if possible, within 20 days of the effective date of this  
8 Act, or within 20 days of the date of any vacancy in the membership of the  
9 task force.

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

12 \* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the Alaska Native Child Welfare  
13 Task Force serves without compensation, but is entitled to the same travel  
14 pay and per diem authorized by law for members of boards and commissions  
15 under AS 39.20.180.

16 \* Sec. 4. PRESIDING OFFICER. The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force  
17 shall elect a presiding officer from among the members of the task force.

18 \* Sec. 5. MEETINGS. The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force shall  
19 meet at least four times a year to carry out the duties prescribed in this  
20 Act. The first meeting of the task force shall be convened at the call of  
21 the governor not later than 30 days following appointment of members under  
22 sec. 2(a)(1) of this Act.

23 \* Sec. 6. DUTIES. (a) The Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force shall

24 (1) study the federal Indian Child Welfare Act in order to recom-  
25 mend legislative, judicial, and administrative changes to implement the  
26 concepts contained in the Indian Child Welfare Act;

27 (2) if the task force considers it necessary, hold public hear-  
28 ings and meetings to consider the effect of the Indian Child Welfare Act on  
29 Alaska Natives;

1 (3) apply for and administer federal grants used to conduct  
2 training programs for tribal and village entities on implementation of the  
3 Indian Child Welfare Act in the state;

4 (4) prepare a report on legislative, judicial, and administrative  
5 changes necessary to provide full implementation of the Indian Child Welfare  
6 Act in the state; the report shall include recommendations for legislation  
7 and changes in state administrative and judicial procedures necessary to  
8 implement the Indian Child Welfare Act in the state.

9 (b) The report which is prepared under (a)(4) of this section shall be  
10 presented to the legislature, with copies to the Department of Health and  
11 Social Services and the governor, by February 1, 1982.

12 \* Sec. 7. TERMINATION. This Act is repealed and the existence of the  
13 Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force terminated December 31, 1982.

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