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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Native Child Welfare
Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

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(1) six persons appointed by the governor from nominations made
by Alaska Native nonprofit organizations;

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(2) the commissioner of health and social services or his designee;

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

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

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(b) Appointments shall be made with due consideration to the availability and willingness of an appointee to devote the time and effort necessary to permit the task force to function effectively. Appointments shall be 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 any vacancy in the membership of the task force.

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

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* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the Alaska Native Child Welfare Task Force serves without compensation, but is entitled to the same travel

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1 pay and per diem authorized by law for members of boards and commissions.

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

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

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

11 (1) disseminate information on the Indian Child Welfare Act to
12 Alaska Natives;

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

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

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

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

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