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SENATE BILL NO. 218

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the disclosure of information."

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

8 \* Section 1. FINDING. The legislature finds that free access to infor-  
9 mation at all levels of state government is critical to the exercise of  
10 legislative responsibilities under Article II of the Alaska constitution.

11 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.51.020 is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 Sec. 39.51.020. OBSTRUCTION OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION.

13 (a) A public employee shall cooperate with the request of a legis-  
14 lator for information or a public record the disclosure of which is  
15 not prohibited by statute.

16 (b) No public employee may be dismissed, demoted or suspended,  
17 laid off or otherwise made subject to any disciplinary action for  
18 communicating matters of public record or information the disclosure  
19 of which is not prohibited by statute.

20 (c) As used in this section, "public employee" means any em-  
21 ployee receiving compensation for services provided to the state  
22 (including the University of Alaska) or any political subdivision of  
23 the state.

24 (d) A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.