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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 227

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Council on Science and
7 Technology; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

10 (1) there exist in the state scientific and technological re-
11 search capabilities which have the potential to contribute significantly to
12 the processes of state government, industry, and the public welfare;

13 (2) these resources should be available to assist in the issue
14 analysis and fact finding necessary for governmental policy making activ-
15 ities;

16 (3) policies for state expenditures on science and technology
17 research and development should be designed to achieve the best use of
18 these expenditures;

19 (4) state agencies should ascertain and use existing knowledge
20 on subjects of concern before the initiation of new research;

21 (5) organizations in the state involved in the production and
22 dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge should be more
23 effective in the performance of their functions; and

24 (6) state agencies and consultants should make a greater effort
25 to comply with existing law to produce and disseminate research and other
26 investigative and analytical projects on the completion of these projects.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

28 ARTICLE 17. ALASKA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

29 Sec. 44.19.200. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established

1 in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Council on Science and Tech-
2 nology. The council consists of nine members who are appointed by the
3 governor, one member representing the Office of the Governor and eight
4 members selected from the recommendations of the state's scientific
5 and related communities and organizations. Members have overlapping
6 three-year terms. The council shall elect one of its members as
7 chairperson. A chairperson may be elected for successive terms as
8 chairperson and serves until a successor is designated. Five members
9 constitute a quorum.

10 (b) Administrative costs of the council shall be paid by the
11 Office of the Governor.

12 (c) Council members receive no compensation but are entitled to
13 the travel and per diem provided by law for members of boards and
14 commissions under AS 39.20.180.

15 Sec. 44.19.210. DUTIES. The council shall

16 (1) study and analyze problems and developments involving
17 science, engineering, technology, and related fields that affect more
18 than one state agency;

19 (2) make recommendations designed to

20 (A) provide access to scientific and technological
21 information and expertise necessary to advance the state's needs
22 and objectives;

23 (B) identify areas in which research is needed to
24 develop public policies and programs;

25 (C) achieve more effective use of the scientific,
26 engineering, and technological resources and facilities of state
27 agencies including the University of Alaska;

28 (D) promote cooperation in science, engineering, and
29 technology through agreements between the state, local

1 governments, the academic community, private industry, the fed-
2 eral government, and Canada; and

3 (E) promote development and implementation of a na-
4 tional Arctic science and research policy;

5 (3) promote high standards for research activities con-
6 ducted by the state;

7 (4) upon request, advise the governor and the legislature
8 in a timely fashion of scientific research taking place;

9 (5) assist the governor in making nominations for presiden-
10 tial appointments to the Arctic Science Policy Council; and

11 (6) perform other duties assigned by the governor.

12 Sec. 44.19.220. POWERS. The council may

13 (1) convene committees, task forces, conferences, public
14 hearings, and other meetings necessary to carry out the duties of the
15 council;

16 (2) request from state agencies the information and assis-
17 tance necessary to carry out the duties of the council;

18 (3) assist national agencies and organizations, including
19 the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, the
20 National Science Foundation, the Arctic Science Policy Council, and
21 the Arctic Research Commission, in identifying policy and program
22 needs in Arctic science research; and

23 (4) perform other acts necessary to carry out the provi-
24 sions of AS 44.19.200 - 44.19.250.

25 Sec. 44.19.230. REPORTS. Biennially, within 10 days of the
26 convening of the legislature, the council shall submit to the governor
27 and the legislature a comprehensive report on the state of science and
28 technology in the state. The report shall include the following
29 information:

1 (1) the issues surrounding scientific and technological
2 research in the state;

3 (2) recommendations on research needs of the state includ-
4 ing a report on significant research activities funded by the state
5 within the two years preceding the report; and

6 (3) recommendations on future research needs of the state.

7 Sec. 44.19.240. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.19.200 - 44.19.250,
8 "council" means the Alaska Council on Science and Technology created
9 in AS 44.19.200.

10 Sec. 44.19.250. SHORT TITLE. AS 44.19.200 - 44.19.250 may be
11 cited as the Science and Technology Act.

12 * Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a)(6) is amended to read:

13 (6) Alaska Council on Science and Technology (AS 44.19.200
14 [44.21.241]) -- June 30, 1987 [1983];

15 * Sec. 4. AS 37.12.070(16) and AS 44.21.241 - 44.21.255 are repealed.

16 * Sec. 5. Sections 7 and 8 of Executive Order No. 48 are repealed.

17 * Sec. 6. The unexpired terms of members of the Alaska Council on
18 Science and Technology appointed under AS 44.21.241 continue until their
19 original termination date. Initial new appointments made by the governor
20 to fill vacancies on the council are for terms which will result in the
21 terms of three members expiring in 1984, three members expiring in 1985,
22 and three members expiring in 1986. The first report of the council under
23 AS 44.19.230 shall be made to the first session of the 14th legislature.

24 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.