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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 117 (HESS) SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related  
7 disorders."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 44.21.230(b) is amended to read:  
10 (b) To accomplish its duties, the commission may  
11 (1) review, evaluate, and comment upon state programs  
12 concerned with the problems and the needs of older Alaskans;  
13 (2) collect facts and statistics, and make studies of  
14 conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health, finan-  
15 cial security, social welfare, and other concerns that bear upon the  
16 well-being of older Alaskans;  
17 (3) provide information about public programs that would be  
18 of interest or benefit to older Alaskans;  
19 (4) appoint special committees, which may include persons  
20 who are not members of the commission, to complete necessary studies;  
21 (5) promote community education efforts regarding the  
22 problems and concerns of older Alaskans;  
23 (6) contract for necessary services;  
24 (7) consult and cooperate with persons, organizations, and  
25 groups interested in or concerned with programs of assistance to older  
26 Alaskans;  
27 (8) advocate improved programs of benefit to older  
28 Alaskans; [AND]  
29 (9) set standards for levels of services for older Alaskans

1 for programs administered by the commission; and  
2 (10) make grants to nonprofit organizations for the opera-  
3 tion of adult day-care centers, or the provision of services that  
4 offer supervision, custodial care, and psychological and physical  
5 activities for persons afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and related  
6 disorders.

7 \* Sec. 2. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE. (a) The Older Alaskans  
8 Commission shall establish an Alzheimer's disease task force to

9 (1) investigate problems related to the care and diagnosis of  
10 people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

11 (2) propose programs and policies to relieve or resolve these  
12 problems; and

13 (3) report its findings to the legislature and the governor by  
14 February 1, 1986.

15 (b) The task force shall include family members of Alzheimer's dis-  
16 ease victims; a social worker, nurse, and physician familiar with geriatric  
17 care; and representatives of senior citizens' organizations.