

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 431 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Cartographic Center;

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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. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

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(1) maps are a preferred means of communicating information on

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land forms and features in the state, natural resources, environmental

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science, land and water use, climatic weather and marine conditions, places

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of tourist, historic, scenic and recreational interest and opportunity,

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transportation routes, communication connections, and community and

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regional characteristics;

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(2) maps represent essential tools for the enhancement of re-

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source and economic development in the state; the advancement of scientific

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understanding; the promotion of tourist attractions; the establishment of

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improved statewide, regional, and local transportation and communication

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linkages; and the planning, design, and construction of ports, harbors,

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communities, and facilities;

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(3) maps are prepared and produced by many state agencies and

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units of the University of Alaska with varying professional quality and

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often unnecessary expense;

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(4) there is a viable and necessary private sector role in the

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gathering of cartographic data through photogrammetry, surveying, and in

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the printing and marketing of map products;

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(5) there is a significant need to coordinate certain carto-

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graphic information, reference, and advisory services within state and

1 university administrative units, and between them and private sector firms
2 to ensure that agency-determined needs are met in the most expeditious and
3 cost-efficient ways possible with high quality, professional map products;

4 (6) the graphics and cartographic unit of the University of
5 Alaska's Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center has existed for
6 16 years and produced numerous high quality map and atlas products for the
7 university, municipalities, state and federal agencies, and the private
8 sector on the natural resources, land forms, marine and atmospheric charac-
9 teristics and historic aspects of the state, including the preparation of
10 new map base projections for many specific needs, and the maintenance of a
11 cartographic information file of base maps projections and data that is the
12 most extensive and complete in the state; and

13 (7) the extent of the cartographic information and expertise
14 available at the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center should be
15 recognized and more broadly made available to state agencies and the pri-
16 vate sector.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 14.40.495. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALASKA CARTOGRAPHIC CENTER.

19 (a) The Alaska Cartographic Center is established within the Arctic
20 Environmental Information and Data Center.

21 (b) The Alaska Cartographic Center shall

22 (1) maintain a professional staff of cartographers;

23 (2) establish the position of a state cartographic coordi-
24 nator;

25 (3) maintain a reference file of state cartographic prod-
26 ucts and information for use by government agencies, the private
27 sector, and general public to fulfill needs for referral and least
28 cost production of map products;

29 (4) offer professional cartographic advisory services to a

1 government agency, a member of the private sector, and the general
2 public;

3 (5) establish appropriate linkages with private sector
4 firms engaged in map product data gathering, printing, and marketing
5 in order to maximize efficiencies in these areas for governmental
6 benefit and private sector economic enhancement.

7 (c) The Alaska Cartographic Center may enter into

8 (1) agreements with governmental, university, or private
9 organizations to coordinate state cartographic information, reference,
10 advisory services, and product preparation, publication, and
11 distribution; and

12 (2) agreements and contracts necessary and desirable to
13 achieve purposes of cartographic services coordination, reference,
14 production, and distribution.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).