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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 405 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to requests for information by  
7 public agencies; relating to public access to and  
8 changes to the information of public agencies; and  
9 relating to the copyrighting of software produced by  
10 or for public agencies."

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

12 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The legislature  
13 finds that

14 (1) public access to government information is a fundamental  
15 right that operates to check and balance the actions of elected and ap-  
16 pointed officials and to maintain citizen control of government;

17 (2) computers and electronic data bases have proliferated  
18 throughout government raising issues regarding access to electronic infor-  
19 mation that are not addressed in present law;

20 (3) to protect the public's right to know, public records must  
21 be available at nominal cost;

22 (4) to protect an individual's right to privacy under the state  
23 and federal constitutions, the state should inform individuals if personal  
24 information about them will be subject to public disclosure;

25 (5) an individual should have the opportunity to change personal  
26 information contained in public records if the information is inaccurate or  
27 incomplete;

28 (6) if public agencies increase electronic access to the state's  
29 information systems, particularly for the more isolated communities of the

1 state, the delivery of public services and the availability of information  
2 throughout the state would be enhanced;

3 (7) public access to state and municipal information systems  
4 will be enhanced by establishing user fees for electronic services and  
5 products that are calculated to recover a reasonable portion of the costs  
6 associated with building and maintaining a public information system.

7 (b) Except for personal information, if a provision in this Act is  
8 determined to be ambiguous as to whether a record is subject to disclosure  
9 to the public, the ambiguity shall be construed in favor of disclosure.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 09.25.110 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 09.25.110. INSPECTION AND COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS. Unless  
12 specifically provided otherwise, the [BOOKS, RECORDS, PAPERS, FILES,  
13 ACCOUNTS, WRITINGS, AND TRANSACTIONS OF ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS  
14 ARE] public records of all public agencies [AND] are open to inspec-  
15 tion by the public under reasonable rules during regular office hours.  
16 The public officer having the custody of public records shall give on  
17 request and payment of the fee established under this section or  
18 AS 09.25.115 [COSTS] a certified copy of the public record.

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 09.25.110 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee for  
21 copying public records may not exceed the standard unit cost of dupli-  
22 cation established by the public agency.

23 (c) If the production of records for one requester in a calendar  
24 month exceeds five person-hours, the public agency shall require the  
25 requester to pay the personnel costs required during the month to  
26 complete the search and copying tasks. The personnel costs may not  
27 exceed the actual salary and benefit costs for the personnel time  
28 required to perform the search and copying tasks. The requester shall  
29 pay the fee before the records are disclosed, and the public agency

1 may require payment in advance of the search.

2 (d) A public agency may reduce or waive a fee when the public  
3 agency determines that the reduction or waiver is appropriate. Fee  
4 reductions and waivers shall be uniformly applied among persons who  
5 are similarly situated. A public agency may waive a fee of \$5 or less  
6 if the fee is less than the cost to the public agency to arrange for  
7 payment.

8 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the  
9 contrary, the Bureau of Vital Statistics, the library archives in the  
10 Department of Education, and the division of banking, securities, and  
11 corporations in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development  
12 may continue to charge the same fees that they are charging on the  
13 effective date of this Act for performing record searches.

14 (f) Electronic information that is provided in printed form  
15 shall be made available without codes or symbols, unless accompanied  
16 by an explanation of the codes or symbols.

17 \* Sec. 4. AS 09.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 09.25.115. ELECTRONIC SERVICES AND PRODUCTS. (a) Notwith-  
19 standing AS 09.25.110(b) - (d) to the contrary, upon request and  
20 payment of a fee established under (b) of this section, a public  
21 agency may provide electronic services and products involving public  
22 records to members of the public. A public agency is encouraged to  
23 make information available in usable electronic formats to the great-  
24 est extent feasible.

25 (b) A public agency shall establish a fee for electronic ser-  
26 vices and products based on recovery of the actual incremental costs  
27 of providing the electronic services and products, and a reasonable  
28 portion of the costs associated with building and maintaining the  
29 information system of the public agency. The fee may be reduced or

1 waived by the public agency if the electronic services and products  
2 are to be used for a public purpose, including public agency program  
3 support, nonprofit activities, journalism, and academic research. Fee  
4 reductions and waivers shall be uniformly applied among persons who  
5 are similarly situated.

6 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the fee for duplicating  
7 a public record in the electronic form kept by a public agency may not  
8 exceed the actual incremental costs of the public agency.

9 (d) Public agencies shall include in a contract for electronic  
10 services and products provisions that

11 (1) protect the security and integrity of the information  
12 system of the public agency and of information systems that are shared  
13 by public agencies; and

14 (2) limit the liability of the public agency providing the  
15 services and products.

16 (e) Each public agency shall notify the state library distribu-  
17 tion and data access center established under AS 14.56.090 of the  
18 electronic services and products offered by the public agency to the  
19 public under this section. The notification must include a summary of  
20 the available format options and the fees charged.

21 (f) When offering on-line access to an electronic file or data  
22 base, a public agency also shall provide without charge on-line access  
23 to the electronic file or data base through one or more public ter-  
24 minals.

25 (g) Each public agency shall establish the fees for the elec-  
26 tronic services and products provided under this section. The Tele-  
27 communications Information Council may cancel the fees established by  
28 a public agency in the executive branch, including the Alaska State  
29 Housing Authority, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Railroad

1 Corporation, if the council determines that the fees are not reason-  
2 able.

3 (h) A public agency may not make electronic services and prod-  
4 ucts available to one member of the public and withhold them from  
5 other members of the public.

6 (i) A public agency other than a municipality shall separately  
7 account for the fees received by the agency under this section and  
8 deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the  
9 account may be used by the legislature to make appropriations to the  
10 agency to carry out the activities of the agency.

11 \* Sec. 5. AS 09.25.120 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 09.25.120. INSPECTION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS. Every  
13 person has a right to inspect a public [WRITING OR] record in the  
14 state, including public [WRITINGS AND] records in recorders' offices  
15 except (1) records of vital statistics and adoption proceedings which  
16 shall be treated in the manner required by AS 18.50; (2) records  
17 pertaining to juveniles; (3) medical and related public health re-  
18 cords; (4) records required to be kept confidential by a federal law  
19 or regulation or by state law; (5) records or information compiled for  
20 law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production  
21 of the law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be  
22 expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive  
23 a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C)  
24 could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of  
25 personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the  
26 identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and  
27 procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, (F)  
28 would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prose-  
29 cutions if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk

1 circumvention of the law, or (G) could reasonably be expected to  
2 endanger the life or physical safety of an individual. Except as  
3 provided in AS 09.25.215, every [ EVERY] public officer having the  
4 custody of records not included in the exceptions shall permit the  
5 inspection, and give on demand and on payment of the [LEGAL] fees  
6 under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.115 [THEREFOR] a certified copy of the  
7 [WRITING OR] record, and the copy shall in all cases be evidence of  
8 the original. Recorders shall permit memoranda, transcripts, and  
9 copies of the public [WRITINGS AND] records in their offices to be  
10 made by photography or otherwise for the purpose of examining titles  
11 to real estate described in the public [WRITINGS AND] records, making  
12 abstracts of title or guaranteeing or insuring the titles of the real  
13 estate, or building and maintaining title and abstract plants; and  
14 shall furnish proper and reasonable facilities to persons having  
15 lawful occasion for access to the public [WRITINGS AND] records for  
16 those purposes, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, in con-  
17 formity to the direction of the court, as are necessary for the pro-  
18 tection of the [WRITINGS AND] records and to prevent interference with  
19 the regular discharge of the duties of the recorders and their employ-  
20 ees.

21 \* Sec. 6. AS 09.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

22       Sec. 09.25.123. SUPERVISION AND REGULATION. (a) The Telecommu-  
23 nications Information Council shall supervise and adopt regulations  
24 for the operation and implementation of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140 by  
25 public agencies in the executive branch, including the Alaska State  
26 Housing Authority, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Railroad  
27 Corporation.

28       (b) The legislative council shall supervise and adopt procedures  
29 for the operation and implementation of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140 by

1 public agencies in the legislative branch.

2 (c) The administrative director of courts shall supervise and  
3 adopt procedures for the operation and implementation of AS 09.25.-  
4 110 - 09.25.140 by public agencies in the judicial branch.

5 (d) The regulations and procedures adopted under this section  
6 must include the establishment of procedures for appealing public  
7 agency action that is taken under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140.

8 (e) In this section,

9 (1) "action" includes the calculation of a fee, the denial  
10 of a fee reduction or waiver and the denial of a request to inspect or  
11 copy a public record;

12 (2) "public agency" does not include a municipality.

13 Sec. 09.25.124. APPEALS. A person may appeal to the superior  
14 court the final administrative order made by a public agency under  
15 AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140.

16 \* Sec. 7. AS 09.25.125 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 09.25.125. ENFORCEMENT: INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. A person having  
18 custody or control of a public record who obstructs or attempts to  
19 obstruct, or a person not having custody or control who aids or abets  
20 another person in obstructing or attempting to obstruct, the inspec-  
21 tion of a public record subject to inspection under AS 09.25.110 or  
22 09.25.120 may be enjoined by the superior court from obstructing, or  
23 attempting to obstruct, the inspection of public records subject to  
24 inspection under AS 09.25.110 or 09.25.120. A person may seek injunc-  
25 tive relief under this section without exhausting the person's admin-  
26 istrative remedies under AS 09.25.123 - 09.25.124.

27 \* Sec. 8. AS 09.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

28 Sec. 09.25.215. INTENT REGARDING AMBIGUITY. If the application  
29 of AS 09.25.100 - 09.25.220 to personal information is ambiguous as to

1       whether the application violates art. I, sec. 22, Constitution of the  
2       State of Alaska, the ambiguity shall be construed in favor of the  
3       right of privacy. In this section, "personal information" has the  
4       meaning given in AS 44.99.040.

5       \* Sec. 9. AS 09.25.220 is amended to read:

6               Sec. 09.25.220.   DEFINITIONS.    In AS 09.25.100 - 09.25.220  
7       [AS 09.25.150 - 09.25.220], unless the context otherwise requires,

8               (1) "electronic services and products" means computer-  
9       related services and products provided by a public agency, including

10               (A) electronic manipulation of the data contained in  
11       public records in order to tailor the data to the person's re-  
12       quest or to develop a product that meets the person's request;

13               (B) duplicating public records in alternative formats  
14       not used by a public agency, or providing periodic updates of an  
15       electronic file or data base;

16               (C) providing on-line access to an electronic file or  
17       data base;

18               (D) providing information that cannot be retrieved or  
19       generated by the existing computer programs of the public agency;

20               (E) providing functional electronic access to the  
21       information system of the public agency; in this subparagraph,  
22       "functional access" includes the capability for alphanumeric  
23       query and printing, graphic query and plotting, nongraphic data  
24       input and analysis, and graphic data input and analysis;

25               (F) providing software developed by a public agency or  
26       developed by a private contractor for a public agency;

27               (G) providing maps or other standard or customized  
28       products from an electronic geographic information system;

29       (2) "news organization" means

1 (A) an individual, partnership, corporation or other  
2 association regularly engaged in the business of

3 (i) publishing a newspaper or other periodical  
4 that reports news events, is issued at regular intervals and  
5 has a general circulation;

6 (ii) providing newsreels or other motion picture  
7 news for public showing; or

8 (iii) broadcasting news to the public by wire,  
9 radio, television or facsimile;

10 (B) a press association or other association of indi-  
11 viduals, partnerships, corporations, or other associations de-  
12 scribed in (A)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this paragraph engaged in  
13 gathering news and disseminating it to its members for publica-  
14 tion;

15 (3) [(2)] "privilege" means the conditional privilege gran-  
16 ted to public officials and reporters to refuse to testify as to a  
17 source of information;

18 (4) [(3)] "public official" means a person elected to a  
19 public office created by the Constitution or laws of this state,  
20 whether executive, legislative, or judicial, and who was holding that  
21 office at the time of the communication for which privilege is claim-  
22 ed;

23 (5) "public agency" means a department, institution, board,  
24 commission, division, authority, public corporation, committee, or  
25 other administrative entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative  
26 branch of state government, or of a municipality; "public agency" in-  
27 cludes the University of Alaska, the Alaska State Housing Authority,  
28 and the Alaska Railroad Corporation;

29 (6) "public records" means books, papers, files, accounts,

1 writings, including drafts and memorializations of conversations, and  
2 other items, regardless of format or physical characteristics, that  
3 are developed or received by a public agency, or by a private contrac-  
4 tor for a public agency, and that are preserved for their information-  
5 al value or as evidence of the organization or operation of the public  
6 agency; "public records" does not include proprietary software pro-  
7 grams;

8 (7) [(4)] "reporter" means a person regularly engaged in the  
9 business of collecting or writing news for publication, or presenta-  
10 tion to the public, through a news organization; it includes persons  
11 who were reporters at the time of the communication, though not at the  
12 time of the claim of privilege;

13 (8) "Telecommunications Information Council" means the  
14 Telecommunications Information Council established under AS 44.19.502.

15 \* Sec. 10. AS 14.56.120(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) Each state agency shall notify the center of the creation of  
17 all data published or compiled by or for it at public expense, includ-  
18 ing automated data bases, and provide for its accessibility through  
19 the center [,] unless the data is protected by the constitutional  
20 right to privacy or is of a type stated by law to be confidential or  
21 the agency is otherwise prohibited by law from doing so.

22 \* Sec. 11. AS 16.05.815(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, records  
24 required by regulations of the department concerning the landings of  
25 sport fish, shellfish, or fishery products, [AND] annual statistical  
26 reports of buyers and processors required by regulation, records of  
27 the telemetry radio frequencies of monitored species, denning sites,  
28 location of fish and wildlife species when the knowledge may be detri-  
29 mental to the population, and uncorrected raw research data of the

1 department are confidential and may not be released by the department,  
2 except that the telemetry radio frequencies of monitored species, the  
3 denning sites, the location of fish and wildlife species, and uncor-  
4 rected raw research data shall be released by the department upon  
5 publication of a final report on the data or two years after com-  
6 pletion of the research, whichever occurs first [EXCEPT AS SET OUT IN  
7 THIS SUBSECTION]. The department may release the records and reports  
8 set out in this subsection to the recipients identified in this sub-  
9 section if the recipient, other than a recipient under (4) - (6) of  
10 this subsection, agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the records  
11 and reports. The department may release

12 (1) [ANY OF] its records and reports to the National Marine  
13 Fisheries Service and the professional staff of the North Pacific  
14 Fishery Management Council as required for preparation and implementa-  
15 tion of the fishery management plans of the North Pacific Fishery  
16 Management Council within the exclusive economic zone;

17 (2) [ANY OF] its records and reports to the Department of  
18 Revenue and to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to  
19 assist them in carrying out their statutory responsibilities;

20 (3) records or reports of the total value purchased by each  
21 buyer to a municipality that levies and collects a tax on fish, shell-  
22 fish, or fishery products if the municipality requires records of the  
23 landings of fish, shellfish, or fishery products to be submitted to it  
24 for purposes of verification of taxes payable;

25 (4) such records and reports as necessary to be in confor-  
26 mity with a court order;

27 (5) on request, the report of a person to the person whose  
28 fishing activity is the subject of the report;

29 (6) fish tickets and fish ticket information to the

1 division of fish and wildlife protection, Department of Public Safety;  
2 and

3 (7) fish tickets and fish ticket information regarding  
4 halibut to the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

5 \* Sec. 12. AS 18.50.310(f) is amended to read:

6 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 09.25.120, when 100  
7 years have elapsed after the date of a birth, or 50 years have elapsed  
8 after the date of a death, marriage, divorce, dissolution of marriage,  
9 or annulment, the records of these events in the custody of the state  
10 registrar become public records subject to inspection and copying as  
11 provided in AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140 [AS 09.25.110 AND AS 09.25.121 -  
12 09.25.125].

13 \* Sec. 13. AS 29.71 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 Sec. 29.71.060. COPYRIGHTS. A municipality may hold the copy-  
15 right for software created by the municipality or developed by a  
16 contractor for the municipality, and may enforce its rights to protect  
17 the copyright.

18 \* Sec. 14. AS 40.21.030(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) In order to carry out the archival program, the state archi-  
20 vist shall:

21 (1) negotiate for, acquire, and receive public records of  
22 permanent value including public records of the state and political  
23 subdivisions of the state and of defunct public agencies;

24 (2) establish and operate a state archival depository that  
25 [WHICH] shall provide for the preservation, arrangement, repair,  
26 rehabilitation, duplication, reproduction, description, and exhibition  
27 of permanent public records or other documentary material transferred  
28 to, or acquired by the state archivist;

29 (3) review and approve all agency records retention

1 schedules to identify and to ensure the preservation of those records  
2 having permanent value;

3 (4) make permanent records under the supervision of the  
4 archivist, other than those required by AS 09.25.120 to be kept confi-  
5 dential, available for public use at reasonable times;

6 (5) for a fee established under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.115,  
7 make available to any person [FOR A REASONABLE FEE] copies of archival  
8 material under AS 09.25.120;

9 (6) adopt a seal for official use and for certification of  
10 record copies which copies shall have the same force and effect as if  
11 made by the original custodian of the records;

12 (7) negotiate payment for the acquisition of public records  
13 with the possessor of them;

14 (8) if negotiations under (7) of this subsection are unsuc-  
15 cessful or if the person in possession of the public records is un-  
16 willing to enter into those negotiations, arrange with the person in  
17 possession for the microfilming of the records;

18 (9) accept gifts, bequests, and endowments for purposes  
19 consistent with the objectives of this chapter;

20 (10) prepare inventories, indexes, catalogs, and other  
21 finding aids or guides to facilitate the use of the archives;

22 (11) accept documents, including motion picture film, still  
23 pictures, and sound recordings, that are appropriate for preservation  
24 by the state as evidence of its organization, functions, policies,  
25 decisions, procedures, and transactions.

26 \* Sec. 15. AS 44.99 is amended by adding new sections to read:

27 ARTICLE 1A. PERSONAL INFORMATION IN PUBLIC RECORDS.

28 Sec. 44.99.020. NOTICE REGARDING PERSONAL INFORMATION. (a)

29 When a state agency requests personal information directly from the

1 person who is the subject of the information, the agency shall give  
2 the person an oral or written notice at the time of the request that  
3 states

4 (1) the name and address of the agency;

5 (2) the citation of the statute or regulation that author-  
6 izes the agency to request the information;

7 (3) a statement indicating whether the person is required  
8 to supply the information;

9 (4) the consequences to the person, if any, of not provid-  
10 ing all or part of the requested information;

11 (5) a statement of the agency's anticipated uses of the  
12 information, including the agency's internal uses of the information  
13 and disclosure of the information to other state agencies; and

14 (6) the fact that the information may be subject to in-  
15 spection and copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120.

16 (b) An agency may provide the written notice required under (a)  
17 of this section by

18 (1) placing the notice on the form used to request the  
19 information from the person;

20 (2) giving the person the notice on a separate sheet that  
21 accompanies the form used to request the information from the person;

22 (3) giving the person a statement in a pamphlet, booklet,  
23 manual, or other printed matter at the time the information on the  
24 person is requested; or

25 (4) prominently posting a sign containing the notice in a  
26 prominent location so that the sign can be easily observed and read by  
27 the person at the time the information is requested.

28 (c) This section does not apply to a request for information on  
29 a person if

1 (1) the request is made by a peace officer; in this para-  
2 graph, "peace officer" has the meaning given in AS 01.10.060;

3 (2) the person is the agency's employee;

4 (3) the information is related to litigation; or

5 (4) the information is being collected by a public agency  
6 when investigating a possible violation of law.

7 Sec. 44.99.030. INFORMATION ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS. (a) A  
8 person who is the subject of personal information that is maintained  
9 by a state agency and subject to public disclosure under AS 09.25.-  
10 110 - 09.25.140 may challenge the accuracy or completeness of the  
11 personal information.

12 (b) To challenge the accuracy or completeness of personal infor-  
13 mation under (a) of this section, the person must file with the state  
14 agency a written request that the personal information be changed.  
15 The request must provide

16 (1) a description of the challenged personal information;

17 (2) the changes necessary to make the personal information  
18 accurate or complete; and

19 (3) the person's name and the address where the department  
20 may contact the person.

21 (c) Within 30 days after receiving a written request made under  
22 (b) of this section, the state agency may request verification of the  
23 disputed personal information from the person who made the request.

24 (d) Within 30 days after receiving the written request under (b)  
25 of this section or the verification under (c) of this section, the  
26 state agency shall review the request and

27 (1) change the personal information according to the re-  
28 quest and notify the person in writing of the change; or

29 (2) deny the request and notify the person in writing of

1 the reasons for the decision and the name, title, and business address  
2 of the person who denied the request.

3 (e) If a request is denied under (d) of this section, the person  
4 may provide to the state agency a concise written statement that  
5 states the person's reasons for disagreeing with the decision. The  
6 state agency shall maintain in its records the request made under (b)  
7 of this section and the statement provided by the person under this  
8 subsection. On all of the state agency's records that contain the  
9 disputed information, the state agency shall clearly note which por-  
10 tions of the records are disputed. If the record is in electronic  
11 form, the state agency may note the dispute in one field of the elec-  
12 tronic form and maintain the other information about the dispute in  
13 paper form.

14 (f) This section does not apply to criminal intelligence or  
15 criminal investigative records, state agency personnel or retirement  
16 system records, records of applicants for employment with the state  
17 agency, or information in documents recorded under AS 40.17.

18 Sec. 44.99.040. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.99.020 - 44.99.040,

19 (1) "person" means an individual;

20 (2) "personal information" means information that can be  
21 used to identify a person and from which judgments can be made about a  
22 person's character, habits, avocations, finances, occupation, general  
23 reputation, credit, health, or other personal characteristics, but  
24 does not include a person's name, address, or telephone number, if the  
25 number is published in a current telephone directory, or information  
26 describing a public job held by a person;

27 (3) "state agency" means a department, institution, board,  
28 commission, division, authority, public corporation, committee, or  
29 other administrative unit of the executive, judicial, or legislative

1 branch of state government, including the University of Alaska, the  
2 Alaska State Housing Authority, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

3 ARTICLE 1B. COPYRIGHTS BY STATE AGENCIES.

4 Sec. 44.99.050. COPYRIGHTS. A state agency may hold the copy-  
5 right for software created by the agency or developed by a private  
6 contractor for an agency, and may enforce its rights to protect the  
7 copyright. In this section, "state agency" means a department, insti-  
8 tution, board, commission, division, authority, public corporation,  
9 committee, or other administrative unit of the executive, judicial, or  
10 legislative branch of state government, including the University of  
11 Alaska, the Alaska State Housing Authority, and the Alaska Railroad  
12 Corporation.

13 \* Sec. 16. AS 44.99.020, as enacted by sec. 15 of this Act, applies to  
14 requests for personal information made by a state agency on or after the  
15 effective date of this Act.