

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS

Introduced: 3/26/93

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the legislative internship program."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * Section 1. AS 24.20.060 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 24.20.060. **POWERS.** The legislative council has the power

5 (1) to organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its business;

6 (2) to hold public hearings, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel
7 the attendance of witnesses and production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and
8 testimony, and to have the deposition of witnesses taken in a manner prescribed by
9 court rule or law for taking depositions in civil actions when consistent with the
10 powers and duties assigned to the council by AS 24.20.010 - 24.20.140;

11 (3) to call upon all state officials, agencies, and institutions to give full
12 cooperation to the council and its executive director by collecting and furnishing
13 information, conducting studies, and making recommendations;

14 (4) in addition to providing the administrative services required for the

1 operation of the legislative branch,
2 (A) to provide the technical staff assistance in research,
3 reporting, drafting, and counseling requested by standing, interim, and special
4 committees and spot research and drafting services for individual members in
5 conformity with law and legislative rules;
6 (B) to conduct a continuing program for the revision and
7 publication of the acts of the legislature;
8 (C) to execute a program for the oversight of the administration
9 and construction of laws by state agencies and the courts through regulations,
10 opinions, and rulings;
11 (D) to operate and maintain the state legislative reference
12 library;
13 (E) to do all things necessary to carry out legislative directives
14 and law, and the duties set out in the uniform rules of the legislature;
15 (F) to sue in the name of the legislature during the interim
16 between sessions if authorized by majority vote of the full membership of the
17 council;
18 (5) to exercise control and direction over all legislative space, supplies,
19 and equipment and permanent legislative help between legislative sessions;
20 (6) to produce, publish, distribute, and to contract for the printing of
21 reports, memoranda, and other materials it finds necessary to the accomplishment of
22 its work;
23 (7) to take appropriate action for the preconvailing and post-session
24 work of each legislative session including the employment one week in advance of
25 each session of not more than 10 temporary legislative employees; the continuing
26 employment of the temporary legislative employees is subject to legislative approval
27 when the session convenes;
28 (8) to establish a legislative internship program on a cooperative basis
29 with the University of Alaska that will provide for the assignment of interns to
30 legislators and to standing committees of each house of the legislature during regular
31 sessions of the legislature; [,] and

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(9) to establish reasonable fees for services and materials provided by the Legislative Affairs Agency to entities outside of the legislative branch of state government and charges for collecting the fees; all fees and charges collected under this paragraph shall be deposited into the general fund.

* Sec. 2. AS 24.20.062 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.20.062. LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. A legislative internship program established by the legislative council under AS 24.20.060(8) shall provide that

(1) the University of Alaska provide academic support and credit to the program;

(2) students enrolled and in good standing at any accredited postsecondary educational institution who have successfully completed at least two years of study are eligible to participate in the program;

(3) interns will be selected by a committee composed of members of the legislature appointed by the legislative council and representatives of the university appointed by the university;

(4) interns will be selected on the basis of their experience and interest in subjects which the legislative council feels are likely to be considered during a legislative session;

(5) legislative interns are entitled to receive academic credit and payment of \$30 for each day of participation in the program during the legislative session;

(6) placement of legislative interns in the offices of legislators who are members of different political parties must be in proportion to the representation in the legislature of membership in the political parties.