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Sponsor Statement SB 244

“An Act relating to polygraph or other lie-detecting testing for certain correctional officers.”

SB 244 allows the administering of polygraph tests to correctional officers or persons applying for employment as correctional officers. Presently, only police officers and certain transportation officers are subject to polygraph testing. Correctional officers are in great positions of power and many are armed like other law enforcement officers. Polygraph testing is no less in order for correctional officers than other law enforcement personal.

Polygraph testing is a way to insure the character and integrity of correctional officers, as well as the safety of the public, inmates and other correctional employees. Polygraph testing is a proven method of screening employees for positions, which require high security and safety. This legislation will protect the State of Alaska and it's citizens.

FISCAL NOTE

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Revision Date (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Corrections
Title An Act relating to polygraph or other lie-detecting BRU Administration and Operations
testing for certain correctional officers Component ALL
Sponsor Senator Ward
Requester Senate State Affairs Component Serial No. #0694

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

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Division Commissioner's Office Date 2/17/98
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Senator Jerry Ward
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February 11, 1998

Dear Senator Ward,

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing SB 244 relating to polygraph testing for certain correctional officers.

At a recent meeting of the APOA Board of Directors, we unanimously agreed to endorse SB 244. We feel that this legislation will help ensure that only the most qualified of applicants will be selected for critical correctional officer positions and that the use of polygraph testing is a valuable tool in this process.

Please contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you with this bill as it proceeds through the legislative process. You may contact us at the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515

Once again, thank you for sponsoring this legislation.

Sincerely,

John Charbonneau
State President
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A rectangular stamp with the text "SB 244" inside.