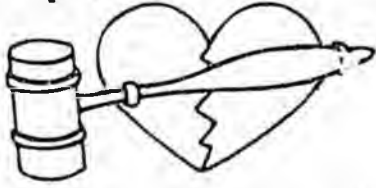


SB

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VICTIMS



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January 22, 1999

Senator Robin Taylor, Chair
Members of the Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Yes on Senate Bill 4

Dear Senator Taylor and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

One year ago this month Victims for Justice (VFJ) wrote a letter of support for the proposed Senate Bill 219, "The Crime Victims' Rights and Advocacy Act of 1998." A year later the need for this bill remains critical, because Alaska crime victims and their families continue to suffer twice, once at the hands of the criminal and again at the hands of our justice system.

Alaska crime victims' rights are being violated:

Imagine . . . your brother is murdered – beaten to death. You listen to the horror while attending the trial, waiting and anticipating your one opportunity to address the court. The opportunity to describe in your own words the catastrophic impact the senseless murder of your brother has on your life. You arrive at the courtroom on the day the district attorney's office told you the sentencing will take place, only to learn the date was changed. The sentencing occurred the day before and no one notified you! Furthermore, you learn that during the sentencing the Judge did not inquire about your presence or even acknowledge that he had read your victim impact statement. This occurred in May 1998, in Anchorage.

Imagine . . . your brother is murdered – shot to death. You attend court every day listening to the horrors of the murder. The jury deliberates for three days and announces they have reached a verdict. The judge reads the verdict 15 minutes later, before any member of the murdered victim's family has time to arrive at the courthouse! This occurred in November 1998, in Anchorage.

Imagine . . . your mother is murdered when you are thirteen – domestic violence. You and your seven siblings are removed from the home and placed in separate foster homes. No criminal charges are filed against the perpetrator. Four years later your 4 year-old brother is beaten to death by his foster parents – again no criminal charges are filed. On July 5, 1998, you learn another brother is murdered – beaten, stripped naked and left to die. This time to cope with

Senator Taylor and Members of the Judiciary Committee
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the tremendous grief of losing *another* member of your family you have the right and choose to be actively involved in every aspect of the case. But in doing so, you must take a leave of absence from your employment. Employment that does not provide benefits for this type of leave time. To compensate for your financial losses you apply for violent crimes compensation. The compensation board meets in October, but delays a decision on your request because they are questioning your need to be present at all the hearings. The board does not meet again until December. On December 14, 1998 you receive word you will receive compensation, but for only one-third of your losses. Again you must appeal the process.

Alaskan families whose lives have been shattered by violent crime have the constitutional right to be given information, choices and an opportunity to participate in the criminal justice proceedings. Only when the rights of victims are given equal weight to the rights of the accused will there be guaranteed protection under the law. Restoring the harm done to victims must begin by our commitment to *observing* and *enforcing* the laws we have in place.

Please support the passage of Senate Bill 4, crime victims' rights must be protected and enforced!

Sincerely,


Cathy Satterfield
Director

“Victims’ Voices: Silent No More”

FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 4

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction)		Dept. Affected	Law
Title	...establishing an office of crime victims' advocacy;	BRU	Criminal Division/Civil Division
amending... Rules of Criminal Procedure... Delinquency Rules...		Component	Human Services
Sponsor	Senator Halford		1st-4th Jud Dist, Crim Apps/Spec Lit
Requester	Senate Judiciary Committee	Component Serial No.	2198-99/2261/79/01/03 2206

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

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	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Office of the Victims' Advocate. The victims' advocate will advocate on behalf of crime victims in felony cases in the courts of the state and investigate complaints of crime victims in felony and certain class A misdemeanor cases that they have been denied their rights under the constitution and laws of the state.

The potential fiscal impact from enactment of this law on the Department of Law is dependent on the philosophy and depth of involvement of the victims' advocate. At a minimum, the length of time required for cases in which the victims' advocate participates will increase, simply by virtue of having an additional attorney involved. The potential that the victims' advocate will be at odds with the prosecutor over matters involving trial strategy, tactics, and plea negotiations would add additional time and expense. These costs are speculative, and the department cannot assign a cost without additional experience.

Prepared by Joan M. Kasson *Joan M. Kasson*
Division Attorney General's Office

Phone 465-5370
Date/Time 1/22/99, 9:33 AM

Approved by Commissioner Bruce M. Botelho, Attorney General
Agency Department of Law

Date 1/22/99

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BILL NO: SB4

1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: CORRECTED 1/22/99 10:30am Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: Crime Victims' Rights and BRU: Violent Crimes Compensation Board
Advocacy Act of 1999 Component: _____
 Sponsor: Senator Halford
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	75.0	99.7	132.7	176.4	234.7	312.1
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	75.0	99.7	132.7	176.4	234.7	312.1

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES () Revenue Code						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts		30.0	27.9	42.0	53.8	72.4
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other	75.0	69.7	104.8	134.4	180.9	239.7
TOTAL	75.0	99.7	132.7	176.4	234.7	312.1

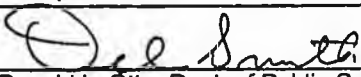
Estimate of current year (FY 99) impact: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See Attached

Prepared By: Susan L. Browne, Administrator Phone: 465-5525
 Division: Violent Crimes Compensation Board Date: 1/19/99
 Approved by Commissioner:  Date: 1/22/99
 Agency: Ronald L. Otte, Dept. of Public Safety

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BILL NO: SB4

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety

ANALYSIS CONTINUED:

It is not possible to predict how many claim requests for compensation will be received and/or awarded from one year to the next. Neither is it possible to predict how many claim requests will involve homicides or be eligible for compensation at maximum levels. Several claims awarded the maximum allowable by statute, significantly impacts this program's budget. This bill would increase the maximum available by statute to award on claims. The figures provided are based on the number of claims awarded at maximum levels in a typical year with the increased maximum factored in.

The number of claims received in recent years has continued to increase due to progressive outreach measures. This trend is likely to continue and estimates given here are based on an annual increase of 33%. The estimate for potential federal revenues is based upon 40% of the state funds awarded the previous year. This is the formula used by the Federal Government in awarding state compensation programs. The funds are contingent upon annual grant application and award.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: SB 4

Revision Date: 1/21/99 Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: Office of Victims' Advocacy BRU: CDVSA
 Component: CDVSA
 Sponsor: Sen. Halford
 Requestor: S. Judiciary COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES () Revenue Code						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 99) impact: \$ 0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Mona C. Maehara, Acting Executive Director Phone: 465-4356
 Division: CDVSA Date: 1/21/99
 Approved by Commissioner: Ronald L. Otte Date: 1/22/99
 Agency: Dept. of Public Safety

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FISCAL NOTE

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1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 4

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act establishing an office of victims' rights..."
 Sponsor: Senator Halford
 Requestor: (S) JUD

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component: Public Defender Agency
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached sheet.

Prepared by: Barbara Brink, Director
 Division: Public Defender Agency

Phone: (907) 264-4414
 Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: Robert Poe Jr.
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 1/22/99

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ANALYSIS: (continued)

This bill would create an Office of Victims' Rights as a legislative agency. The Victims' Advocate would have broad powers to act as an attorney for victims of crime to enforce constitutional guarantees and make statements on behalf of victims in court. It is difficult to say whether or not there would be any fiscal impact on the Public Defender Agency (PDA) as a result of this bill. PDA believes that much of what the Victims' Advocate would do is currently being done by Victim/Witness Coordinators in the Department of Law. If the Victim/Witness Coordinators' work is done by another agency, there should be no fiscal impact on PDA.

Somewhat troubling is Section 9 which disqualifies any misdemeanants from obtaining a PFD if they have a prior felony conviction or two prior misdemeanors. The end result is that an individual victim of an offense is much less likely to get their court-ordered restitution if an offender may not directly assign their PFD check to them. While these funds may then be allocated to the Office of Victims' Rights, the contribution would likely be small. It may be more in an individual victim's interests to have that assignment directly made.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. _____
BILL VERSION: SB 4
PUBLISH DATE: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to establishing an office of
of victims' rights; relating to compensation of victims..."
Sponsor: Senator Halford
Requestor: Senate Judiciary

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
Component: Council & Subcommittees

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
PERSONAL SERVICES	415.3	415.3	415.3	415.3	415.3	415.3
TRAVEL	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
CONTRACTUAL	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6
SUPPLIES	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
EQUIPMENT	43.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	493.5	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	493.5	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
TOTAL	493.5	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1	450.1

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact:

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) SB4 establishes an Office of Victims' Rights in the Legislative Branch of Government. The Victims' Advocate will be appointed for 5 years and be compensated at Range 26A. For the purposes of this fiscal note, staff for the Victims' Advocate will be 2 attorney's, 1 paralegal, and 3 clerical personnel. Office Space will be acquired and furniture and equipment will be purchased to set up the office. If the office were staffed with 1 attorney, 1 paralegal, and 1 clerical position the cost for the initial year would be \$340.6 and \$297.3 thereafter. LAA will process payroll, provide accounting and teleconference assistance and DP support at no cost to the Office of Victims' Rights.

Prepared By: Karla Schofield, Deputy Director *Karla Schofield* Phone: 465-3852
Division: Administrative Services Date: 1/21/99

Approved By: Pamela A. Varni, Executive Director
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency Date: 1/21/99

CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE: SB4

Expenses of the victims' advocate selection committee will be absorbed within existing budgets.

Personal Services	Monthly		Annual		Health	
	Salary	#	Salary	Benefits	Insurance	Total
Victims Advocate - 26A	5,850	1	70,200	85,089	5,718	90,808
2 Attorney's - 23A	4,918	2	118,032	143,067	11,437	154,504
1 Paralegal -16A	3,049	1	36,588	44,348	5,718	50,067
1 Secretary - 14A	2,656	1	31,872	38,632	5,718	44,351
1 Secretary - 12A	2,338	1	28,056	34,007	5,718	39,725
1 Secretary - 10A	2,071	1	24,852	30,123	5,718	35,842
						415,296
						415,296

Travel

It is anticipated that the victims' advocate will make 3 trips to attend in state meetings and 1 trip to meet with victims' rights organizations in other states.

	Travel	Per Diem		
3 trips in state	1,110	1,629	2,739	
1 trip out of state	780	680	<u>1,460</u>	
			4,199	4,199

Contractual

It is anticipated that the Office of the Victims' Rights will install phones, incur phone bills, and use postage and need maintenance on their copier machine.

Phones	3,600	
Postage	3,000	
Copier Maintenance	600	
Membership Dues	500	
Subscriptions	500	
Office Space 1,000 Sq. Ft.	20,400	
	28,600	28,600

Supplies

It is anticipated that the Office of the Victims' Rights will need office supplies.

Office Supplies	2,000	2,000
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Equipment

It is anticipated that the Office of Victims' Rights will need equipment.

7 Phones	3,500	
1 Fax Machine	650	
3 Executive Desks	4,500	
4 Secretarial Desks	4,000	
7 Chairs	1,400	
7 File Cabinets	2,800	
7 Computers	14,000	
3 Printers	4,500	
1 Copy Machine	8,000	
	43,350	43,350

Grand Total **493,445**

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 4

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Department of Corrections
 Title Act relating to establishing and office of crime BRU Administration and Operations
 victim's rights; relating to compensation of victims of violent ... Component Data and Word Processing
 Sponsor Senator Halford
 Requester Senate Judiciary Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0
Travel						
Contractual	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Supplies	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Equipment	2.5					
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	46.5	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0

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	46.5	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	46.5	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Section 9 of this legislation amends AS 43.23.005(d) which would deny PFD eligibility for people who are convicted and incarcerated for a misdemeanor and they had been previously been convicted of a prior felony, or two or more prior misdemeanors. The Dept. of Corrections has previously asked for a Statistical Tech I position to accommodate appeals and information requests resulting from PFD denials. The data and word processing unit will be unable to carry out their daily operations if more appeals and computer programming are added without a position.

Prepared by Bruce Richards Phone 465-3307
 Division Commissioner's Office Date/Time 1/21/99 12:54 PM
 Approved by Commissioner Margaret M. Pugh Date 1-21-99
 Agency Department of Corrections

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Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 4

"The Crime Victims' Rights and Advocacy Act of 1999"

On November 8, 1994, the voters of Alaska ratified an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska, which provides specific rights to victims of crime. The overwhelming approval rate -- 86.6% in favor -- was testament of Alaskans' belief that:

"Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights as provided by law: the right to be reasonably protected from the accused through the imposition of appropriate bail or conditions of release by the court; the right to confer with the prosecution; the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness during all phases of the criminal or juvenile justice process, the right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused, the right to obtain information about and be allowed to be present at all criminal or juvenile proceedings where the accused has the right to be present; the right to be allowed to be heard, upon request, at sentencing, before or after conviction or juvenile adjudication, and at any proceeding where the accused's release from custody is considered; the right to restitution from the accused; and the right to be informed, upon request, of the accused's escape or release from custody before or after conviction or juvenile adjudication."

--- ARTICLE I, SECTION 24, ALASKA CONSTITUTION

Passage of this SB 4 will put in place a mechanism to guarantee the practical application of this very important Constitutional Amendment. It is time for victims to have advocacy when dealing with a judicial system so heavily weighted to the benefit of criminals, and based on a process replete with technicalities and legal jargon, rendering it virtually indecipherable to anyone other than the attorneys.

As was brought out in testimony on similar legislation last session, "While the criminals and the prosecution have their attorneys, the victims are too often left to sit alone in the shadow of justice." I urge your support for this legislation.

SPONSOR STATEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

January 20, 1999

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SB 4 (Work Order No. 21-LS0029/A)

TO: Senator Rick Halford
Attn: Brett Huber

FROM: Gerald P. Luckhaupt *GL*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill - the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill provides a short title.

Section 2 of the bill allows the victims' advocate to make a statement at a sentencing hearing on behalf of a crime victim when requested by the crime victim.

Section 3 of the bill increases the compensation available to victims of violent crimes under AS 18.67.

Section 4 of the bill allows the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to increase the compensation amounts available to victims of violent crimes to account for inflation.

Section 5 of the bill provides that the victims' advocate is a legislative director for purposes of legislative ethics.

Section 6 of the bill amends AS 24 by creating a new chapter dealing with the Office of the Victims' Rights which is created in the Legislative branch of Alaska state government.

The following sections are created:

AS 24.65.010 - creates the office of victims' rights;

AS 24.65.020 - provides procedures for the appointment of the victims' advocate;

AS 24.65.030 - establishes the qualifications for the victims' advocate;

AS 24.65.040 - provides the term of office for the victims' advocate;

AS 24.65.050 - provides for the removal of the victims' advocate;

AS 24.65.060 - lists the salary for the victims' advocate;

AS 24.65.070 - allows the victims' advocate to employ necessary staff and establishes their duties;

AS 24.65.080 - provides for office space and administration of the office of victims' rights;

AS 24.65.090 - requires the victims' advocate to adopt regulations establishing procedures for the office to follow when advocating on behalf of crime victims;

AS 24.65.100 - establishes when the victims' advocate can act;

- AS 24.65.110 - sets forth the victims' advocate's duties and powers with regard to advocacy on behalf of crime victims;
- AS 24.65.120 - lists when and how the victims' advocate may conduct investigations of denials of rights to crime victims;
- AS 24.65.130 - provides the victims' advocate with authority to compel by subpoena testimony and production of documents when conducting investigations;
- AS 24.65.140 - requires the victims' advocate to first consult with a justice agency before issuing an opinion or recommendation critical of the agency as a result of an investigation;
- AS 24.65.150 - sets forth the victims' advocate's duties upon completion of an investigation;
- AS 24.65.160 - permits the victims' advocate to publish the advocate's opinions and recommendations;
- AS 24.65.170 - requires the victims' advocate to publish an annual report;
- AS 24.65.180 - limits the availability of judicial review to challenge the actions of the victims' advocate;
- AS 24.65.190 - provides immunity to the victims' advocate;
- AS 24.65.200 - provides the victims' advocate with a evidentiary privilege against being compelled to testify concerning matters coming to the attention of the advocate;
- AS 24.65.210 - provides a criminal penalty for those who obstruct the duties of the victims' advocate;
- AS 24.65.250 - provides definitions.

Section 7 of the bill provides that longevity pay provisions of AS 39.27.022 apply to the office of victims' rights if the victims' advocate adopts the provisions.

Section 8 of the bill excepts employees of the office of victims' rights from utilizing the conditional service retirement benefits for legislative employees.

Section 9 of the bill provides that a person with one prior felony conviction or two prior misdemeanor convictions is not eligible for a permanent fund dividend.

Section 10 of the bill exempts appropriations to the office of victims' rights from the permanent fund dividend notice requirements of AS 43.23.028(a)(3).

Section 11 of the bill exempts the regulations adopted by the victims' advocate from gubernatorial review.

Section 12 of the bill exempts the victims' advocate from the record keeping requirements of AS 44.62.215.

Section 13 of the bill provides that sunset reviews of agencies and their programs should consider whether complaints filed with the victims' advocate have been efficiently resolved.

Section 14 of the bill provides that the office of victims' rights is a state agency for purposes of the statutes addressing state publications.

Section 15 of the bill provides a notice provision concerning a court rules change necessitated by the enactment of AS 24.65.110 and 24.65.120. Court rules changes require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

Section 16 of the bill provides a notice provision concerning a court rules change necessitated by the enactment of AS 24.65.200. Court rules changes require a two-thirds vote for adoption.