

**HB**

**247**



# REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN MEYER

HOUSE DISTRICT 19

## SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 247

**“An Act relating to the detention of delinquent minors and to temporary detention hearings; amending Rule 12, Alaska Delinquency Rules; and providing for an effective date.”**

The State of Alaska receives federal formula grant funding to implement the mandates of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The four mandates of the Act include:

- Deinstitutionalization of status offenders
- Sight and sound separation of juveniles from adult offenders
- Removing juveniles from adult jail and lockup facilities
- Addressing disproportionate minority confinement

Alaska funds a variety of community based delinquency response services to meet these mandates including electronic monitoring programs, attendant care shelters and non-secure hold services, mentoring and community accountability courts.

Alaska stands to lose \$168,000 of these federal formula funds because of the number of youth temporarily held in rural and remote adult jails throughout Alaska prior to an initial court hearing and transport to a youth facility. This noncompliance could mean that Alaska will also lose discretion on how \$504,000 of federal money may be used. Federal law will require these funds to be rerouted and used to bring the state into compliance.

When a juvenile commits a serious offense in a rural or remote community, they may need to be detained upon arrest in order to protect the public. There are only 6 juvenile detention centers throughout Alaska, so serious juvenile offenders in remote communities often end up in village adult lockup facilities awaiting relocation to a juvenile facility. Federal regulations require that juveniles in adult facilities be held for no more than 24 hours; however, the regulations also allow a state to extend those time limits because of adverse weather, limited transportation options, and other conditions. Such an extension is only available in states where the juvenile must make an initial appearance in court within 24 hours of their arrest.

HB 247 would require an initial appearance in court within 24 hours for juveniles placed in an adult jail or lockup and would place the federal regulation exception language into state statute. This change would give Alaska the ability to claim certain exceptions to the federal mandates, preserve the state's eligibility for 100% of the federal formula grant allocation, but would not allow juveniles to be held in adult facilities any longer than is absolutely necessary.

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## Briefing Paper

- Alaska exceeds the number of violations associated with excessive time limits for juveniles held in adult jails or lockups. This jeopardizes Alaska's continued receipt of federal formula delinquency prevention grant funds.
  - Federal Formula Grant totals \$627.0
  - Grant funds support: attendant care shelters; mentoring programs; electronic monitoring; youth and elders courts.
- The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 creates 4 primary mandates, including the removal of juveniles from adult jails. The regulations for the Act allow a state to claim certain exceptions to specified time limits if the state enacts a 24-hour arraignment for juveniles held in adult jails or lockups.
  - Senator Stevens' Alaska exemption to the 24-hour arraignment rule for juveniles in adult jails and lockups will expire in September 2002.
- HB 247 established a 24-hour arraignment requirement for juveniles arrested and held in rural and remote adult jails and holding facilities and puts the federal regulation time exception language in the Delinquency statutes.
- HB 247 would not extend the periods of time for which juveniles might be held in adult lockups. Officials would continue to move juveniles from remote locations into regional juvenile detention centers as quickly and safely as possible. HB 247 simply gives Alaska access to regulatory time exceptions which lower violation rates preserve federal funding.
- Youth held in juvenile detention centers would continue to be arraigned within 48 hours as provided under the current statute.
  - Establishing a two level delinquency arraignment system minimizes the fiscal impact and preserves Alaska's eligibility for full federal formula grant funding.
  - There were 2,728 juveniles detained in FY 2000. 222 of these were held for various periods of time in adult jails or lockups, most were moved to juvenile detention facilities within allowable time limits.
  - The violation rate can not be more than 9 "non-conforming" holds per 100,000 population. This would put Alaska's rate at 19.5. In FY 1998 we had a violation rate of 29.5 and in FY 1997 the violation rate was 38.2 These violations would be under the 19.5 rate if Alaska could claim the exceptions provided through enactment of a 24 hour arraignment for juveniles held in adult jails or lockups.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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BILL NO. HB 247

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Detention of Juveniles BRU Alaska Court System  
 Component Trial Courts  
 Sponsor Representative Meyer  
 Requester House Health and Social Services Component No. 768

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Personal Services      |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Travel                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Contractual            |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Supplies               |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Equipment              |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Land & Structures      |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grants & Claims        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Miscellaneous          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1003 GF Match            |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1004 GF                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Other (Specify Type)     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Section 3 of HB 247 reduces the amount of time allowed between detention and arraignment of a juvenile housed in an adult correctional facility. The current law requires the juvenile to be brought before the court within 48 hours; this bill reduces that time to 24 hours. This change will require more juvenile arraignment hearings to be held on the weekend. The Division of Juvenile Justice estimates that had this provision been in effect in FY 2000 there would have been 31 additional weekend hearings. Although this number is too small to generate a fiscal note, the court system will experience some additional costs associated with these weekend hearings. If this burden becomes significant the court system may return to the legislature for additional funding.

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA  
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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HB 247  
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 Title: Relating to the Detention of Minors

Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 BRU: Juvenile Justice  
 Component: Delinquency Prevention

Sponsor: Rep. Meyer  
 Requester: House (HES)

Component Number: 248

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002    | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    | FY 2006    | FY 2007    |
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| Travel                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Contractual            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Supplies               |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Equipment              |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Land & Structures      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Claims        |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Other (Specify Type)     |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

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| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Alaska receives approximately \$670,000 per year through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (Act) formula grant program which supports activities related to the four mandate areas under the Act: 1. Deinstitutionalization of status offenders, 2. Separation of juveniles from adult offenders, 3. Removing juveniles from adult jail and lockup facilities, and 4. Disproportionate minority confinement. If a state fails to comply with standards set for each of these four mandates, a grant withholding penalty of 25% is assessed against the formula grant total for each mandate in which the state is found to be in non-compliance. Additionally, failure to correct areas of non-compliance will require all remaining funds be directed to efforts to bring the state into compliance with the Act.

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## ANALYSIS: (continued)

Alaska has difficulty meeting the established compliance standards related to the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockup facilities. Because of Alaska's expansive geography, limited transportation services in many rural parts of the state, adverse weather conditions which impact transportation, and the fact there are only 6 youth detention facilities in Alaska, the state stands to lose approximately \$168.0 in federal grant receipts due to non-compliance with jail removal mandates under the JJDP Act.

The Act allows a state to receive full formula grant funding if, through application of certain compliance exceptions, the number of violations remain below the limits set by federal regulation. In order to take advantage of the jail removal compliance exceptions the state must have a law requiring that juveniles placed in an adult facility be brought before the court within 24 hours of their placement. These exceptions provide a set of allowable circumstances under which a juvenile may be held in an adult facility without incurring a non-compliance violation of the jail removal mandate of the Act. These exceptions allow a juvenile to be held for longer periods as a result of limited transportation services, adverse weather conditions or other circumstances which contribute to delays in moving juvenile offenders out of inappropriate adult facilities into youth detention facilities. This bill proposal would enact a 24 hour arraignment in these juvenile cases, places the mandate exceptions provided in the federal regulations in state statute, and would preserve Alaska's ability to claim full funding of the federal grant award under the Act.

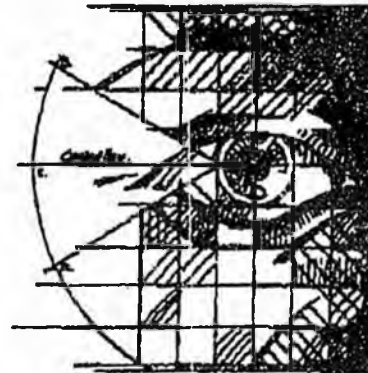
| DISTRICT                  | FY02<br>Projected<br>State Aid | \$20,000,000 INCREASE                     |                                |  | \$25,000,000 MILLION INCREASE             |                                |  | \$30,000,000 MILLION INCREASE             |                                |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|
|                           |                                | \$101 INCREASE BASE ALLOCATION TO \$4,041 |                                |  | \$126 INCREASE BASE ALLOCATION TO \$4,086 |                                |  | \$151 INCREASE BASE ALLOCATION TO \$4,091 |                                |  |
|                           |                                | \$20,000,000<br>Increase in<br>State Aid  | Funding<br>Floor<br>Difference | Total<br>Entitlement<br>Difference @<br>\$20,000,000 | \$25,000,000<br>Increase in<br>State Aid  | Funding<br>Floor<br>Difference | Total<br>Entitlement<br>Difference @<br>\$25,000,000 | \$30,000,000<br>Increase in<br>State Aid  | Funding<br>Floor<br>Difference | Total<br>Entitlement<br>Difference @<br>\$30,000,000 |
| Alaska Gateway            | 4,720,721                      | 118,429                                   | (22,372)                       | 96,057   | 147,744                                   | (34,098)                       | 113,646  | 177,058                                   | (45,823)                       | 131,235  |
| Alutian Region            | 1,170,144                      | 31,335                                    | (12,534)                       | 18,801   | 39,092                                    | (15,637)                       | 23,455   | 46,848                                    | (18,739)                       | 28,109   |
| Alutians East Borough     | 2,822,075                      | 95,623                                    | 0                              | 95,623   | 119,292                                   | 0                              | 119,292  | 142,961                                   | 0                              | 142,961  |
| Anchorage                 | 193,595,132                    | 6,775,142                                 | 0                              | 6,775,142  | 8,452,158                                 | 0                              | 8,452,158  | 10,129,173                                | 0                              | 10,129,173   |
| Annette Island            | 867,075                        | 62,278                                    | 0                              | 62,278   | 77,694                                    | 0                              | 77,694   | 93,109                                    | 0                              | 93,109   |
| Bering Strait             | 15,583,586                     | 542,841                                   | 0                              | 542,841  | 677,208                                   | 0                              | 677,208  | 811,575                                   | 0                              | 811,575  |
| Bristol Bay Borough       | 1,340,580                      | 60,344                                    | 0                              | 60,344   | 75,280                                    | 0                              | 75,280   | 90,217                                    | 0                              | 90,217   |
| Chatham                   | 2,148,172                      | 62,406                                    | 0                              | 62,406   | 77,853                                    | 0                              | 77,853   | 93,300                                    | 0                              | 93,300   |
| Chugach                   | 1,698,865                      | 31,793                                    | (12,717)                       | 19,076   | 39,682                                    | (15,865)                       | 23,797   | 47,532                                    | (19,013)                       | 28,519   |
| Copper River              | 5,324,548                      | 139,282                                   | (15,984)                       | 123,298  | 173,758                                   | (15,984)                       | 157,774  | 208,234                                   | (15,984)                       | 192,250  |
| Cordova                   | 2,638,380                      | 84,127                                    | (33,650)                       | 50,477   | 104,950                                   | (41,980)                       | 62,970   | 125,774                                   | (47,151)                       | 78,623   |
| Craig                     | 3,013,383                      | 91,486                                    | 0                              | 91,486   | 114,131                                   | 0                              | 114,131  | 136,776                                   | 0                              | 136,776  |
| Delta/Grcey               | 4,248,748                      | 104,249                                   | 0                              | 104,249  | 130,053                                   | 0                              | 130,053  | 155,857                                   | 0                              | 155,857  |
| Denali Borough            | 2,422,605                      | 74,398                                    | 0                              | 74,398   | 92,814                                    | 0                              | 92,814   | 111,229                                   | 0                              | 111,229  |
| Dillingham                | 3,870,502                      | 116,473                                   | (46,589)                       | 69,884   | 145,303                                   | (58,121)                       | 87,182   | 174,133                                   | (69,653)                       | 104,480  |
| Fairbanks N. Star Borough | 63,086,198                     | 2,230,351                                 | 0                              | 2,230,351  | 2,782,419                                 | 0                              | 2,782,419  | 3,334,486                                 | 0                              | 3,334,486  |
| Galena                    | 14,450,362                     | 324,518                                   | (129,807)                      | 194,711  | 404,844                                   | (161,938)                      | 242,906  | 485,171                                   | (194,069)                      | 291,102  |
| Haines Borough            | 1,931,769                      | 70,070                                    | (7,573)                        | 62,497   | 87,414                                    | (7,573)                        | 79,841   | 104,758                                   | (7,573)                        | 97,185   |
| Hoonah                    | 1,737,765                      | 48,628                                    | (19,451)                       | 29,177   | 60,664                                    | (24,266)                       | 36,398   | 72,701                                    | (29,080)                       | 43,621   |
| Hydaburg                  | 909,539                        | 22,626                                    | 0                              | 22,626   | 28,226                                    | 0                              | 28,226   | 33,827                                    | 0                              | 33,827   |
| Iditarod Area             | 5,765,716                      | 141,100                                   | (56,440)                       | 84,660   | 176,026                                   | (70,410)                       | 105,616  | 210,932                                   | (84,380)                       | 126,552  |
| Juneau Borough            | 20,427,809                     | 790,334                                   | 0                              | 790,334  | 985,961                                   | 0                              | 985,961  | 1,181,588                                 | 0                              | 1,181,588  |
| Kake                      | 1,140,552                      | 33,018                                    | (6,615)                        | 26,403   | 41,191                                    | (9,885)                        | 31,306   | 49,364                                    | (13,154)                       | 36,210   |
| Kashunamiut               | 2,037,788                      | 78,895                                    | 0                              | 78,895   | 98,423                                    | 0                              | 98,423   | 117,952                                   | 0                              | 117,952  |
| Kenai Peninsula Borough   | 41,665,482                     | 1,497,460                                 | 0                              | 1,497,460  | 1,868,118                                 | 0                              | 1,868,118  | 2,238,776                                 | 0                              | 2,238,776  |
| Ketchikan Gateway Borough | 9,550,271                      | 357,914                                   | 0                              | 357,914  | 446,506                                   | 0                              | 446,506  | 535,099                                   | 0                              | 535,099  |
| Klawock                   | 1,636,402                      | 43,585                                    | (17,434)                       | 26,151   | 54,374                                    | (21,750)                       | 32,624   | 65,162                                    | (26,065)                       | 39,097   |
| Kodiak Island Borough     | 13,523,703                     | 468,563                                   | 0                              | 468,563  | 584,544                                   | 0                              | 584,544  | 700,525                                   | 0                              | 700,525  |
| Kuspuk                    | 4,679,476                      | 151,091                                   | (60,136)                       | 90,955   | 188,490                                   | (65,720)                       | 122,770  | 225,888                                   | (65,720)                       | 160,168  |
| Lake & Peninsula Borough  | 5,959,944                      | 164,955                                   | (65,982)                       | 98,973   | 205,786                                   | (82,314)                       | 123,472  | 246,616                                   | (98,646)                       | 147,970  |
| Lower Kuskokwim           | 35,139,517                     | 999,030                                   | (399,612)                      | 599,418  | 1,246,314                                 | (498,525)                      | 747,789  | 1,493,599                                 | (597,439)                      | 896,160  |
| Lower Yukon               | 14,605,616                     | 528,590                                   | 0                              | 528,590  | 659,429                                   | 0                              | 659,429  | 790,268                                   | 0                              | 790,268  |
| Mat-Su Borough            | 61,647,537                     | 1,906,518                                 | 0                              | 1,906,518  | 2,378,428                                 | 0                              | 2,378,428  | 2,850,338                                 | 0                              | 2,850,338  |
| Nemana                    | 6,063,818                      | 156,556                                   | 0                              | 156,556  | 195,308                                   | 0                              | 195,308  | 234,059                                   | 0                              | 234,059  |
| Nome                      | 4,929,994                      | 145,906                                   | (50,608)                       | 95,298   | 182,022                                   | (55,055)                       | 116,967  | 218,137                                   | (79,501)                       | 138,636  |

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|                           |                                |  |                                |  |  |                                |  |  |                                |  |
| North Slope Borough       | 9,885,875                      | 525,966  | 0                              | 525,966  | 656,156  | 0                              | 656,156  | 786,346  | 0                              | 786,346  |
| Northwest Arctic Borough  | 20,358,082                     | 604,428  | 0                              | 604,428  | 754,039  | 0                              | 754,039  | 903,650  | 0                              | 903,650  |
| Pelican                   | 420,585                        | 6,951  | (2,780)                        | 4,171  | 8,671  | (3,468)                        | 5,203  | 10,392   | (4,157)                        | 6,235  |
| Petersburg                | 3,025,635                      | 103,239  | 0                              | 103,239  | 128,793  | 0                              | 128,793  | 154,347  | 0                              | 154,347  |
| Pribilof                  | 1,084,937                      | 42,868   | (6,855)                        | 36,013   | 53,479   | (11,099)                       | 42,380   | 84,090   | (15,343)                       | 48,747   |
| Sitka Borough             | 6,400,649                      | 230,815  | 0                              | 230,815  | 287,948  | 0                              | 287,948  | 345,080  | 0                              | 345,080  |
| Skagway                   | 886,624                        | 31,218   | (12,487)                       | 18,731   | 38,945   | (15,578)                       | 23,367   | 46,672   | (18,669)                       | 28,003   |
| Southeast Island          | 2,941,152                      | 69,863   | (27,945)                       | 41,918   | 87,156   | (34,862)                       | 52,294   | 104,449  | (41,780)                       | 62,669   |
| Southwest Region          | 5,979,493                      | 223,345  | 0                              | 223,345  | 278,628  | 0                              | 278,628  | 333,911  | 0                              | 333,911  |
| St. Mary's                | 1,747,266                      | 42,344   | (16,937)                       | 25,407   | 52,826   | (21,130)                       | 31,696   | 63,307   | (25,322)                       | 37,985   |
| Tanana                    | 1,280,078                      | 33,526   | 0                              | 33,526   | 41,824   | 0                              | 41,824   | 50,123   | 0                              | 50,123   |
| Unalaska                  | 2,023,121                      | 74,200   | (29,664)                       | 44,536   | 92,566   | (37,011)                       | 55,555   | 110,932  | (44,357)                       | 66,575   |
| Valdez                    | 3,672,455                      | 145,351  | (31,096)                       | 114,255  | 181,329  | (45,488)                       | 135,841  | 217,307  | (59,879)                       | 157,428  |
| Wrangell                  | 2,364,305                      | 75,737   | 0                              | 75,737   | 94,483   | 0                              | 94,483   | 113,230  | 0                              | 113,230  |
| Yakutat                   | 1,448,203                      | 37,353   | (10,166)                       | 26,887   | 46,599   | (14,164)                       | 32,435   | 55,845   | (17,862)                       | 37,983   |
| Yukon Flats               | 4,087,475                      | 115,657  | (46,263)                       | 69,394   | 144,284  | (57,714)                       | 86,570   | 172,912  | (69,165)                       | 103,747  |
| Yukon/Koyukuk             | 5,492,033                      | 159,350  | 0                              | 159,350  | 198,793  | 0                              | 198,793  | 238,236  | 0                              | 238,236  |
| Yupik                     | 3,831,544                      | 123,602  | (49,441)                       | 74,161   | 154,196  | (61,678)                       | 92,518   | 184,791  | (73,916)                       | 110,875  |
| Alyeska Central School *  | 4,338,941                      | 110,777  | 0                              | 110,777  | 138,197  | 0                              | 138,197  | 165,617  | 0                              | 165,617  |
| Mt. Edgecumbe High School | 1,321,400                      | 48,928   | 0                              | 48,928   | 61,039   | 0                              | 61,039   | 73,150   | 0                              | 73,150   |
| Other / Contracts         | 26,096,100                     |  |                                |  |  |                                |  |  |                                |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>665,017,725</b>             | <b>21,355,432</b>  | <b>(1,191,738)</b>             | <b>20,163,694</b>                                    | <b>26,641,430</b>  | <b>(1,491,313)</b>             | <b>25,150,117</b>                                    | <b>31,927,429</b>  | <b>(1,782,440)</b>             | <b>30,144,989</b>                                    |

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Alaska State House of Representatives  
Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Re: H. B. 215

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to you to express my strongest opposition to H.B. 215, which would allow Alaska optometrists to prescribe any and all drugs in the United States Pharmacopia, including narcotics, anti-cancer agents, medications for epilepsy, contraceptives, broad-spectrum oral antibiotics and a range of other powerful systemic medications of whose actions, side effects, toxicities, interactions with other drugs and contraindications to their use they are wholly ignorant.

Optometrists have neither the education, post-graduate training nor clinical experience to prescribe such medications safely, nor to deal with their adverse reactions and side effects. *Optometrists are not medical doctors*, and receive only the barest smattering of clinical training in areas outside the eye.

The optometrists' perennial effort to be permitted by licensure to prescribe such drugs is rather like Bush pilots demanding legislation permitting them, by fiat, to fly jet transport aircraft simply because there are pilots and "know about airplanes."

No one denies that optometrists are familiar with the eye and the visual system, but, *optometrists are not medical doctors*, and cannot integrate the eye and the visual system with the body as a whole, as can all ophthalmologists, by virtue of their broad medical training in both medical school and internship/residencies in hospitals, where they routinely deal with the very ill and the dying. Optometrists have never dealt with severe systemic illness, much less with dying patients.

I urge you to vote against H. B. 215.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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