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## AN ACT

Relating to the functions and organization of the state library distribution and data access center.

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Relating to the functions and organization of the state library distribution and data access center.

\* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

(1) there is a large and growing amount of information about the state, much of which has been compiled at public expense;

(2) many state agencies, federal agencies, and local governments do research and compile data on Alaska, directly or by contract, the results of which, unless published and made available through the state publications library distribution center of the state library, remain unknown outside the originating agency; and

(3) access to this underutilized data can be provided without necessarily centralizing the location of the data.

(b) In enacting legislation extending the duties of the current state publications library distribution center, it is the purpose of the legislature to

(1) minimize costs of data gathering, retrieval and distribution;

(2) provide multiple point access in various locations to research data which has been produced by state, federal and local agencies and private sources;

(3) establish a rapid and comprehensive data transfer network in the state for both published and nonpublished materials;

(4) enhance computer utilization through machine-readable publication formats and coordination of reasonable standards of data collection,

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1 definition, indexing, sources and scales; and

2 (5) coordinate state efforts with national information network  
3 activities.

4 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.56.090 is amended to read:

5 ARTICLE 2. STATE [PUBLICATIONS] LIBRARY  
6 DISTRIBUTION AND DATA ACCESS CENTER.

7 Sec. 14.56.090. STATE [PUBLICATIONS] LIBRARY DISTRIBUTION AND  
8 DATA ACCESS CENTER ESTABLISHED. There is established in the state  
9 library the [A] state [PUBLICATIONS] library distribution and data  
10 access center.

11 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.56.100 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 14.56.100. DUTIES OF CENTER. The state [PUBLICATIONS]  
13 library distribution and data access center shall, in cooperation with  
14 federal, municipal, and private data collection and research efforts,  
15 promote the establishment of an orderly depository library and data  
16 index distribution and access system.

17 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.56.120 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

18 Sec. 14.56.120. DEPOSIT OF PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH DATA. (a)  
19 Each state agency shall deposit, upon release, at least four copies of  
20 each of its state publications in the center. Additional copies of each  
21 publication may be requested by the center for deposit in quantities  
22 necessary to meet the needs of the depository library system and to  
23 provide inter-library service to those libraries not having depository  
24 status.

25 (b) Each state agency shall notify the center of the creation of  
26 all data published or compiled by or for it at public expense and pro-  
27 vide for its accessibility through the center, unless the data is pro-  
28 tected by the constitutional right to privacy or is of a type stated  
29 by law to be confidential or the agency is otherwise prohibited by law

1 from doing so.

2 (c) The center is also a depository for publications of municipal-  
3 ities and regional educational attendance areas, including surveys and  
4 studies produced by a municipality or regional educational attendance  
5 area or produced for it on contract. Four copies of each publication  
6 produced for a municipality or regional educational attendance area may  
7 be deposited with the center for record and distribution purposes.

8 (d) Each municipality or regional educational attendance area may  
9 notify the center of the creation of all data published or compiled by  
10 or for it at public expense and provide for its accessibility through  
11 the center, unless the data is protected by the constitutional right to  
12 privacy or is of a type stated by law to be confidential or the  
13 municipality or regional educational attendance area is otherwise pro-  
14 hibited by law from doing so.

15 (e) When a research project or study is conducted for a person by  
16 a state agency, a municipality, or a regional educational attendance  
17 area, even though no state funding is involved, the state agency, muni-  
18 cipality or regional educational attendance area shall request that  
19 person for permission to make copies of its final report available to  
20 the center under AS 14.56.090 - 14.56.180. If permission is granted,  
21 the report shall be deposited with the center.

22 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.56 is amended by adding new sections to read:

23 Sec. 14.56.123. LIAISON WITH CENTER. Each state agency shall and  
24 each municipality and regional educational attendance area may designate  
25 one of its employees to be responsible for depositing the materials and  
26 information specified in AS 14.56.120.

27 Sec. 14.56.125. SUMMARIES AND INDICES. (a) Upon notification of  
28 the creation of data under AS 14.56.120, a state agency shall and a  
29 municipality or regional educational attendance area may prepare an

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abstract or summary of it.

(b) The center shall prepare and keep current an index of all publications and data abstracts or summaries on file and shall publish and distribute that index regularly to contracting depository libraries and to other Alaska libraries upon request.

\* Sec. 6. AS 14.56.130 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.56.130. OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED OF STATE AGENCIES. Upon the request of the center, a state agency shall furnish the center with a complete list of its current state publications, data published or compiled by or for it at public expense, and a copy of its mailing or exchange lists. However, data which is protected by the constitutional right to privacy or is of a type stated by law to be confidential or which the agency is otherwise prohibited by law from distributing may not be furnished to the center.

\* Sec. 7. AS 14.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.56.135. EFFICIENCY AND COMPUTERIZATION. The center shall, to the extent practicable, avoid duplication, coordinate its activities with other state agencies charged with record-keeping functions, and employ computerization to compile or organize research data and other materials.

\* Sec. 8. AS 14.56.150 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.56.150. DEPOSITORY LIBRARY CONTRACTS. The center may enter into depository contracts with municipal, regional educational attendance area, university or community college libraries, public library associations, state library agencies, [AND] the Library of Congress, and other state and federal library systems. The requirements for eligibility to contract as a depository library shall be established by the Department of Education upon the recommendation of the state librarian and shall include and take into consideration the type of

1 library, its ability to preserve publications or data and to make them  
2 available for public use, and the geographical location of the library  
3 for ease of access to residents in all areas of the state.

4 \* Sec. 9. AS 14.56.170 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 14.56.170. [LIMITED] DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS AND  
6 RESEARCH DATA. The center may not engage in general public distribution  
7 of either (1) state publications or lists of publications or (2) the  
8 index of publications and research data. However, unless expressly  
9 prohibited by law, the center shall make available to any person, upon  
10 request and under procedures established by it, publications, sum-  
11 maries, research data, indices, and other materials in its possession.  
12 Reasonable fees for reproduction or printing costs and for mailing and  
13 distribution of materials may be charged by the center.

14 \* Sec. 10. AS 14.56.180 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 14.56.180. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.56.090 - 14.56.180, unless  
16 the context otherwise requires,

17 (1) "center" means the state [PUBLICATIONS] library distri-  
18 bution and data access center;

19 (2) "state agency" includes state departments, divisions,  
20 agencies, boards, associations, commissions, corporations and offices,  
21 and the University of Alaska and its affiliated research institutes;

22 (3) "municipal" and "municipality" includes cities and or-  
23 ganized boroughs of every class, including municipalities unified under  
24 AS 29.68.240 - 29.68.440;

25 (4) "state publication" includes any official document,  
26 compilation, journal, bill, law, resolution, bluebook, statute, code,  
27 register, pamphlet, list, book, report, study, hearing transcript,  
28 leaflet, order, regulation, directory, periodical or magazine issued or  
29 contracted for by a state agency determined by the state librarian to be

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1       appropriate for retention in the center;

2               (5) "research data" or "data" means a representation of  
3       facts, concepts or instructions in a formalized manner suitable for  
4       communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automatic  
5       means which was prepared to serve as a basis for reasoning, calcula-  
6       tion, discussion or decision and which is determined appropriate for  
7       indexing by the state librarian.

8       \* Sec. 11. AS 14.56.140 is repealed.

9       \* Sec. 12. The provisions of this Act establishing a state library dis-  
10       tribution and data access center modify the existing responsibilities of  
11       information and data centers established by state law only to the extent  
12       specifically provided in this Act. The provisions of this Act do not modify  
13       in any manner the provisions of information exchange agreements entered into  
14       by state agencies with third parties and in effect on the effective date of  
15       this Act, or the responsibility of state agencies to provide data and infor-  
16       mation to the public.