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1 Relating to the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted and the definition of
2 "developmentally disabled."

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4 * Section 1. AS 47.80.030 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 47.80.030. GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
6 EDUCATION [FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED]. There is established the
7 Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education [FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND
8 GIFTED]. For budgetary purposes, the council is located within the Department of Health and
9 Social Services but is the interdepartmental planning and coordinating agency of the Department
10 of Health and Social Services, the Department of Education, and other departments that deliver
11 services to persons who are [HANDICAPPED OR] gifted or experiencing a disability. In
12 addition, the council is the state planning council and interagency coordinating council for
13 purposes of federal laws relating to persons who are [THE HANDICAPPED OR] gifted or
14 experiencing a disability.

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1 * Sec. 2. AS 47.80.040(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The council consists of no fewer than 18 nor more than 26 [23] members appointed
3 by the governor in a manner that satisfies the requirements for a state interagency
4 coordinating council under 20 U.S.C. 1482 and a state planning council under 42 U.S.C.
5 6024 [ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 91-517, P.L. 94-103, P.L. 94-142, AS AMENDED, AND
6 AS 14.30.231].

7 * Sec. 3. AS 47.80.090 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 47.80.090. RESPONSIBILITIES. The council shall

9 (1) serve as a forum by which issues and benefits regarding current and potential
10 services to disabled [HANDICAPPED] and gifted persons may be discussed by consumer,
11 public, private, professional, and lay interests;

12 (2) advocate the needs of disabled [HANDICAPPED] and gifted persons before
13 the executive and legislative branches of the state government and before the public;

14 (3) advise the executive and legislative branches of the state government and the
15 private sector on programs and policies pertaining to current and potential services to disabled
16 [HANDICAPPED] or gifted persons and their families;

17 (4) submit periodic reports to the commissioner of health and social services, the
18 commissioner of education, and to other appropriate departments, on the effects of current federal
19 and state programs regarding services to disabled [HANDICAPPED] or gifted persons; these
20 reports must [SHALL] include program performance reports to the governor, the federal
21 government, and to state agencies as required under 20 U.S.C. 1482 and 42 U.S.C. 6024 [BY
22 P.L. 91-517, P.L. 94-103, OR P.L. 94-142, AS AMENDED];

23 (5) in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Social Services and
24 Education, develop, prepare, adopt, periodically review, and revise as necessary an annual state
25 plan prescribing programs that [WHICH] meet the needs of persons with developmental
26 disabilities as required under 42 U.S.C. 6022 [P.L. 91-517 OR P.L. 94-103, AS AMENDED];

27 (6) review and comment to commissioners of state departments on all state
28 plans and proposed regulations relating to programs for persons who are experiencing
29 disabilities [WITH HANDICAPS] before the adoption of a plan or regulation; for this purpose,
30 the appropriate departments shall submit the plans and proposed regulations to the council;

31 (7) recommend the priorities and specifications for the use of funds received by

1 the state under 20 U.S.C. 1471 - 1485 and 42 U.S.C. 6000 - 6083 [P.L. 91-517, P.L. 94-103
2 AND P.L. 94-142, AS AMENDED];

3 (8) submit annually to the commissioner of health and social services, the
4 commissioner of education, and the commissioner of community and regional affairs a proposed
5 interdepartmental program budget for services to disabled [HANDICAPPED] or gifted persons
6 that [WHICH] includes, insofar as possible, projected revenues and expenditures for programs
7 implemented by state agencies, local governmental agencies, and private organizations; the
8 interdepartmental program budget is an informational supplement to the regular annual budgetary
9 submissions of the departments to the Office of the Governor;

10 (9) provide information and guidance for the development of appropriate special
11 educational programs and services for exceptional children as defined in AS 14.30.350;

12 (10) monitor and evaluate budgets or other implementation plans and programs
13 for disabled [HANDICAPPED] and gifted persons to assure nonduplication of services and
14 encourage efficient and coordinated use of federal, state, and private resources in the provision
15 of services; members of the council, with the approval of the council, have access to information
16 in the possession of state agencies subject to disclosure restrictions imposed by state or federal
17 confidentiality or privacy laws;

18 (11) perform other duties required under applicable federal laws [P.L. 91-517,
19 P.L. 94-103, P.L. 94-142, AS AMENDED,] or AS 14.30.231 [,] and as the governor may assign;
20 and

21 (12) govern the special education service agency [,] and may hire personnel
22 necessary to operate the agency.

23 * Sec. 4. AS 47.80.900(7) is repealed and reenacted to read:

24 (7) "person with a developmental disability" means a person who is experiencing
25 a severe, chronic disability that

26 (A) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of
27 mental and physical impairments;

28 (B) is manifested before the person attains age 22;

29 (C) is likely to continue indefinitely;

30 (D) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the
31 following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language,

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1 learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-
2 sufficiency; and

3 (E) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special,
4 interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or
5 extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;

6 * Sec. 5. AS 47.80.040(b), 47.80.040(c), 47.80.040(d), and 47.80.040(e) are repealed.

7 * Sec. 6. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. Wherever in the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska
8 Administrative Code the term "Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted" is used, it shall be
9 read as referring to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education when to do so would
10 be consistent with the changes made in sec. 1 of this Act. Under AS 01.05.031, the revisor of statutes
11 shall implement this section in the statutes and, under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), the regulations attorney shall
12 implement this section in the administrative code.