

1. This bill adds an “Indian tribe” and “United States Virgin Islands” to the definition of state.
2. This bill adds to existing law the authority for a tribunal to order either or both parents to pay cash medical support, if warranted.
3. In addition, the bill directs Child Support Services Division (CSSD) to review child support orders for modification on a federally mandated three-year cycle.
4. The bill adds cash medical support to the definition of arrearage and the definition of support order thereby enabling CSSD to use its existing enforcement tools to collect a cash medical support obligation on behalf of the child.
5. Finally, the bill removes the language limiting who may request the correction of a clerical mistake in an administrative order or request the vacation of an administrative order based upon a default income.

SB 96 puts Alaska in compliance with the federal requirements which assure that Alaska’s children receive the medical support to which they are entitled.

In addition, adoption of SB 96 assures 85 million in federal dollars to Alaska for the Child Support Enforcement and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs.

I appreciate your support of this important bill.