

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 210(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/4/12**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR MCGUIRE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to crimes against children; and providing for an effective date."**

2   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3    \* **Section 1.** AS 11.41.220(a) is amended to read:

4           (a) A person commits the crime of assault in the third degree if that person

5               (1) recklessly

6                       (A) places another person in fear of imminent serious physical  
7           injury by means of a dangerous instrument;

8                       (B) causes physical injury to another person by means of a  
9           dangerous instrument; or

10                      (C) while being 18 years of age or older,

11                               (i) causes physical injury to a child under 12 [10] years  
12           of age and the injury would cause a reasonable caregiver to seek  
13           medical attention from a health care professional in the form of  
14           diagnosis or treatment;

15                               (ii) causes physical injury to a child under 12 [10] years

of age on more than one occasion;

(2) with intent to place another person in fear of death or serious physical injury to the person or the person's family member, makes repeated threats to cause death or serious physical injury to another person;

(3) while being 18 years of age or older, knowingly causes physical injury to a child under 16 years of age but at least 12 [10] years of age and the injury reasonably requires medical treatment;

(4) with criminal negligence, causes serious physical injury under AS 11.81.900(b)(56)(B) to another person by means of a dangerous instrument; or

(5) commits a crime that is a violation of AS 11.41.230(a)(1) or (2) and, within the preceding 10 years, the person was convicted on two or more separate occasions of crimes under

(A) AS 11.41.100 - 11.41.170;

(B) AS 11.41.200 - 11.41.220, 11.41.230(a)(1) or (2), 11.41.280, or 11.41.282;

(C) AS 11.41.260 or 11.41.270;

(D) AS 11.41.410, 11.41.420, or 11.41.425(a)(1); or

(E) a law or ordinance of this or another jurisdiction with elements similar to those of an offense described in (A) - (D) of this paragraph.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.51.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree if, being a parent, guardian, or other person legally charged with the care of a child under 16 years of age, the person

(1) intentionally deserts the child in a place under circumstances creating a substantial risk of physical injury to the child;

(2) leaves the child with another person who is not a parent, guardian, or lawful custodian of the child knowing that the person is

(A) registered or required to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper under AS 12.63 or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with similar requirements;

(B) charged by complaint, information, or indictment with a

violation of AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.455 or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with similar elements; or

(C) charged by complaint, information, or indictment with an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime described in (B) of this paragraph; [OR]

(3) leaves the child with another person knowing that the person has previously physically mistreated or had sexual contact with any child, and the other person causes physical injury or engages in sexual contact with the child; or

(4) recklessly fails to provide adequate food or liquids to a child, causing protracted impairment of the child's health.

\* Sec. 3. AS 11.51.100(f) is amended to read:

(f) Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree under (a)(1), (2), or (4) [OR (2)] of this section is a class C felony.

\* Sec. 4. AS 11.81.900(56) is amended to read:

(56) "serious physical injury" means

(A) physical injury to a person of any age caused by an act performed under circumstances that create a substantial risk of death; [OR]

(B) physical injury to a person of any age that causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, protracted loss or impairment of the function of a body member or organ, or that unlawfully terminates a pregnancy; or

(C) physical injury to a person under 12 years of age that causes

(i) serious disfigurement;

(ii) impairment of health, by serious bruising or other injury, that reasonably requires medical evaluation or treatment by a health care professional;

(iii) loss or impairment of the function of a body member or organ; or

(iv) serious impediment of blood circulation or breathing;

1      \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2012.