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SB151-ACS-TRC-3-02-12 Fiscal Note Number Publish Date Identifier (file name) SB151-ACS-TRC-3-02-2012 Dept. Affected Alaska Court System Mitigation at sentencing for defendant with FASD Appropriation Trial Courts Allocation Senator Meyer Sponsor Requester OMB Component Number 768 Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars) Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. Included in FY13 Governor's **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Appropriation FY13 Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY13 FY13 **FY14** FY16 FY15 **FY17 FY18** Personal Services Services Commodities Capital Outlay Grants, Benefits Miscellaneous **TOTAL OPERATING** 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars) Federal Receipts GF Match GF GF/Prgm (DGF) GF/MH (UGF) temp code (UGF) TOTAL 0.0 0.0 0..0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 POSITIONS Full-time Part-time Temporary CHANGE IN REVENUES (separate supplemental appropriation required) Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) (separate capital appropriation required) Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such) Initial version

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Analysis

Senate Bill 151 adds a new factor to the list of mitigating factors in AS 12.55.155(d) that the court shall consider at sentencing; if proven, the court may then impose a sentence below the presumptive range for certain crimes. Specifically, except for defendants convicted of offenses against persons, arson, and criminal mischief, and except if the defendant has any prior felony conviction, the court may consider whether the defendant committed the offense "while affected by a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder that was insufficient to constitute a complete defense . . . but that significantly affected the defendant's conduct."

The court cannot predict the number of cases in which parties will attempt to prove this factor as a mitigator at sentencing, but believes the sentencing hearings will be held and handled in the normal course without a fiscal impact. The Alaska Court System therefore submits a zero fiscal note.