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CS for HOUSE BILL 73(JUD)

Highlights

- Prohibits a probation or parole officer from engaging in sexual penetration with a person on probation or parole. There is a marriage defense and an affirmative defense for a preexisting relationship. This conduct would be a class C felony.
- Prohibits a probation or parole officer from engaging in sexual contact with a person on probation or parole. There is a marriage defense and an affirmative defense for a preexisting relationship. This conduct would be a class A misdemeanor.
- Allows prosecution of the crimes of distribution of child pornography, felony sex trafficking, and felony human trafficking at any time without regard to the time elapsed from the commission of the crime. It also allows a civil action based on the crimes of felony sex trafficking and felony human trafficking at any time.
- Strengthens the law requiring judges to consider the impact of the crime on the victim at sentencing.
- Allows a court, in considering bail release of a person charged with a domestic violence crime or stalking, to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring by GPS or similar technology under guidelines to be adopted by the Department of Corrections in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety.
- Allows the Attorney General to request permission from a court for law enforcement to conduct wiretapping in an investigation of felony sex trafficking and felony human trafficking.
- Adopts deadlines for claiming credit for time spent in a treatment facility in connection with bail release, while a conviction is appealed, or in connection with a petition to revoke probation.
- Reverses a recent decision by the Alaska Court of Appeals that misinterprets legislative intent regarding referral to a three-judge panel for sentencing of a felony sex offender.
- Requires athletic coaches to report to authorities if there is reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.