

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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CS for HB20

Summary of Changes Version S to Version G

HB 20 Version G

- Replaces ‘Should reasonably know’ with ‘Recklessly Disregards’ as standard definition for sexual assault statutes in the first, second, and third degrees.
 - A person acts recklessly when they are aware and consciously disregard that a particular outcome will occur. Reckless disregard represents a gross deviation from the conduct that a reasonable person would observe in that situation.
- Removes language related to the definition of consent
- Removes language that related to the consent of a child
- Clarifies language in sexual assault kit chain of custody
- Changes time frame for laboratories to complete testing to 12 months from 6 months
- Adds subsection that failure to meet this timeline will not impact a criminal action
- Adds subsection that if a case is resolved prior to testing, completion is not required
- Changes criteria for a kit to be deemed ineligible to those reasons stated by DPS
- Changes Effective Date changed to January 1, 2021 to allow for full implementation