HOUSE BILL NO. 133

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BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Health and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- "An Act relating to the Alaska savings program for eligible individuals; relating to education savings programs; relating to the Education Trust of Alaska; relating to the Alaska advance college tuition savings fund; relating to the Alaska education savings program for children; and relating to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education."
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
- * **Section 1.** AS 06.65.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
- 8 (b) When exercising its powers and duties under this chapter, the department 9 shall consult with the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education established under AS 47.80.030.
- * **Sec. 2.** AS 06.65.100 is amended to read:
- Sec. 06.65.100. Eligible individuals. To be eligible for a program account, when an individual or the individual's representative establishes the program account

| 1 | or makes a distribution to another program account under AS 06.65.200, the individual |
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| 2 | must [SHALL] be [AN INDIVIDUAL] |
| 3 | (1) [WHO IS] entitled to benefits based on blindness or disability |
| 4 | under 42 U.S.C. 401 - 434 or 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383f, and the blindness or disability |
| 5 | must have occurred before the date on which the individual reached the [26 YEARS |
| 6 | OF] age required by the federal authorizing law for this purpose; or |
| 7 | (2) an individual for whom a disability certification that satisfies the |
| 8 | secretary and the federal authorizing law is filed with the secretary for the calendar |
| 9 | year in which the eligible individual or the eligible individual's representative opens |
| 10 | the program account. |
| 11 | * Sec. 3. AS 06.65.160(a) is amended to read: |
| 12 | (a) As provided by the federal authorizing law, a person may make a |
| 13 | contribution to a program account for the designated beneficiary. A person may also |
| 14 | make a contribution to a program account under AS 14.40.802(f)(3). |
| 15 | * Sec. 4. AS 06.65.160(c) is amended to read: |
| 16 | (c) Any person may make a contribution to a program account, but the amount |
| 17 | that the person may contribute is subject to the limits set by the federal authorizing |
| 18 | law, [OR] the department, or AS 14.40.802(f)(3). |
| 19 | * Sec. 5. AS 06.65.200(a) is amended to read: |
| 20 | (a) Subject to the restrictions in the federal authorizing law for rollover |
| 21 | distributions, a designated beneficiary or the designated beneficiary's representative |
| 22 | may make a distribution of the money in a program account to another |
| 23 | (1) program account if the designated beneficiary of the program |
| 24 | account to which the distribution is being made is |
| 25 | (A) [(1)] the same eligible individual; or |
| 26 | (B) [(2)] an eligible individual who is a member of the family |
| 27 | of the designated beneficiary from whom the distribution is made: or |
| 28 | (2) account allowed by the federal authorizing law. |
| 29 | * Sec. 6. AS 06.65.390(1) is amended to read: |
| 30 | (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social |
| 31 | Services [REVENUE]; |

| 1 | Sec. 7. AS 09.38.013(a) is amended to read. |
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| 2 | (a) An individual is entitled to exemption of the following property: |
| 3 | (1) a burial plot for the individual and the individual's family; |
| 4 | (2) health aids reasonably necessary to enable the individual or a |
| 5 | dependent to work or to sustain health; |
| 6 | (3) benefits paid or payable for medical, surgical, or hospital care to |
| 7 | the extent they are or will be used to pay for the care; |
| 8 | (4) an award under AS 18.67 (Violent Crimes Compensation Board) or |
| 9 | a crime victim's reparations act of another jurisdiction; |
| 10 | (5) benefits paid or payable as a longevity bonus under AS 47.45; |
| 11 | (6) compensation or benefits paid or payable and exempt under federal |
| 12 | law; |
| 13 | (7) liquor licenses granted under AS 04; |
| 14 | (8) tuition credit or savings accounts under an [A HIGHER] education |
| 15 | savings account established under AS 14.40.802 or an advance college tuition savings |
| 16 | contract authorized under AS 14.40.809(a); |
| 17 | (9) a permanent fund dividend to the extent allowed under |
| 18 | AS 43.23.140; |
| 19 | (10) [REPEALED] |
| 20 | (11) benefits paid or payable under AS 47.45.301 - 47.45.309. |
| 21 | * Sec. 8. AS 14.40.170(a) is amended to read: |
| 22 | (a) The Board of Regents shall |
| 23 | (1) appoint the president of the university by a majority vote of the |
| 24 | whole board, and the president may attend meetings of the board; |
| 25 | (2) fix the compensation of the president of the university, all heads of |
| 26 | departments, professors, teachers, instructors, and other officers; |
| 27 | (3) confer appropriate degrees as it may determine and prescribe; |
| 28 | (4) have the care, control, and management of |
| 29 | (A) all the real and personal property of the university; and |
| 30 | (B) land |
| 31 | (i) conveyed to the Board of Regents by the |

| 1 | commissioner of natural resources in the settlement of the claim of the |
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| 2 | University of Alaska to land granted to the state in accordance with the |
| 3 | Act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), as amended, and in accordance |
| 4 | with the Act of January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), as amended; and |
| 5 | (ii) conveyed to the Board of Regents in trust for the |
| 6 | University of Alaska by the commissioner of natural resources under |
| 7 | AS 14.40.365; |
| 8 | (5) keep a correct and easily understood record of the minutes of every |
| 9 | meeting and all acts done by it in pursuance of its duties; |
| 10 | (6) under procedures to be established by the commissioner of |
| 11 | administration, and in accordance with existing procedures for other state agencies, |
| 12 | have the care, control, and management of all money of the university and keep a |
| 13 | complete record of all money received and disbursed; |
| 14 | (7) adopt reasonable rules for the prudent trust management and the |
| 15 | long-term financial benefit to the university of the land of the university; |
| 16 | (8) provide public notice of sales, leases, exchanges, and transfers of |
| 17 | the land of the university or of interests in land of the university; |
| 18 | (9) administer, manage, market, and promote <u>an</u> [A |
| 19 | POSTSECONDARY] education savings program, including the [ALASKA HIGHER] |
| 20 | Education [SAVINGS] Trust of Alaska under AS 14.40.802 and the Alaska advance |
| 21 | college tuition savings fund under AS 14.40.803 - 14.40.817; |
| 22 | (10) designate buildings owned by the university as covered buildings |
| 23 | for purposes of paying the costs of use, management, operation, maintenance, and |
| 24 | depreciation from the fund established under AS 37.05.555. |
| 25 | * Sec. 9. AS 14.40.802(a) is amended to read: |
| 26 | (a) The [ALASKA HIGHER] Education [SAVINGS] Trust of Alaska is |
| 27 | established in the University of Alaska. The purpose of the [THIS] trust is to secure |
| 28 | obligations to participants and beneficiaries under an [A POSTSECONDARY] |
| 29 | education savings program operated by the University of Alaska and to provide |
| 30 | participants a convenient method of saving for [COLLEGE OR OTHER |
| 31 | POSTSECONDARY] education. The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska |

| 1 | shall |
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| 2 | (1) adopt policies that provide for the administration, management, |
| 3 | promotion, and marketing of the trust; |
| 4 | (2) maintain the trust in compliance with requirements of 26 U.S.C. |
| 5 | (Internal Revenue Code) for a qualified state tuition program as defined in 26 U.S.C. |
| 6 | 529; |
| 7 | (3) coordinate savings options established under the trust and the |
| 8 | administration of the trust with the Alaska advance college tuition savings fund |
| 9 | (AS 14.40.803), including the creation of common administrative and record-keeping |
| 10 | systems, marketing programs, and operating reserves; |
| 11 | (4) establish participation agreements, including application, savings |
| 12 | options, and withdrawal procedures; |
| 13 | (5) enter into participation agreements with participants for the |
| 14 | (A) accumulation, investment, and distribution of funds; |
| 15 | (B) payment or reimbursement of qualified [HIGHER] |
| 16 | education expenses; and |
| 17 | (C) benefit of a beneficiary; |
| 18 | (6) enter into contracts with one or more contractors, including |
| 19 | investment managers; in determining the persons to act as investment managers, |
| 20 | consideration must be given to the qualifications of the contractor, including the |
| 21 | contractor's ability to |
| 22 | (A) administer financial programs with individual account |
| 23 | maintenance and reporting; |
| 24 | (B) develop, market, and administer investment options |
| 25 | appropriate for the trust; and |
| 26 | (C) augment the savings program with other beneficial |
| 27 | products and services; |
| 28 | (7) allow both residents and nonresidents to participate in the trust; |
| 29 | (8) allow the transfer or rollover of funds from the Alaska advance |
| 30 | college tuition savings fund and other qualified state tuition programs under 26 U.S.C. |
| 31 | 529 and the participation agreement; |

| 1 | (9) allow withdrawars from the trust to be used for qualified |
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| 2 | [HIGHER] education expenses [, INCLUDING ROOM AND BOARD] as allowed by |
| 3 | 26 U.S.C. 529; |
| 4 | (10) establish penalties for withdrawals from the trust for nonqualified |
| 5 | expenses and other distributions as required under 26 U.S.C. 529 or as provided in the |
| 6 | participation agreement; |
| 7 | (11) engage an independent firm of certified public accountants to |
| 8 | audit the financial position of the trust. |
| 9 | * Sec. 10. AS 14.40.802(f) is amended to read: |
| 10 | (f) A participant has the right, as provided in the participation agreement, to |
| 11 | (1) change the beneficiary of an account: [TO ANOTHER |
| 12 | INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF THE FORMER |
| 13 | BENEFICIARY; OR] |
| 14 | (2) direct that all or a portion of an account be transferred to an |
| 15 | account with a new beneficiary; or |
| 16 | (3) direct that all or a portion of an account be transferred to a |
| 17 | program account as a contribution under AS 06.65.160 if the contribution |
| 18 | (A) when added to any other contributions made to the |
| 19 | program account during the same federal tax year, does not exceed the |
| 20 | limit for a contribution under 26 U.S.C. 529A(b)(2)(B)(ii); and |
| 21 | (B) is for the beneficiary or for a [IF THE] new individual |
| 22 | who [BENEFICIARY] is a member of the family of the former beneficiary |
| 23 | and an eligible individual under AS 06.65.100; in this subparagraph, |
| 24 | "eligible individual" and "member of the family" have the meanings |
| 25 | <u>given in AS 06.65.390</u> . |
| 26 | * Sec. 11. AS 14.40.802(g) is amended to read: |
| 27 | (g) The right to change the beneficiary or to make transfers [TRANSFER |
| 28 | BETWEEN ACCOUNTS] described in (f) of this section may be denied or limited as |
| 29 | provided in the participation agreement, including transfers that would result in |
| 30 | contributions or account balances in excess of allowable limits under the participation |
| 31 | agreement, or, with regard to a change or transfer under (f)(3) of this section, the |

| 1 | change or transfer does not satisfy the requirements of AS 06.65. |
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| 2 | * Sec. 12. AS 14.40.802(j) is amended to read: |
| 3 | (j) A participant may, as provided in the participation agreement, designate a |
| 4 | person other than the participant as a successor participant. [THE DESIGNATION OF |
| 5 | A SUCCESSOR PARTICIPANT DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE |
| 6 | PARTICIPANT DIES OR IS DECLARED LEGALLY INCOMPETENT. IF A |
| 7 | PARTICIPANT DIES OR IS DECLARED LEGALLY INCOMPETENT WITHOUT |
| 8 | HAVING EFFECTIVELY DESIGNATED A SUCCESSOR PARTICIPANT, THE |
| 9 | BENEFICIARY MAY DESIGNATE A SUCCESSOR PARTICIPANT IN THE |
| 10 | MANNER PRESCRIBED ABOVE IF THE BENEFICIARY IS NOT THE SAME |
| 11 | PERSON AS THE SUCCESSOR PARTICIPANT.] |
| 12 | * Sec. 13. AS 14.40.802(n)(2) is amended to read: |
| 13 | (2) "beneficiary" means a [ANY PERSON] designated beneficiary as |
| 14 | defined under 26 U.S.C. 529(e) [BY A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, OR BY |
| 15 | ANOTHER METHOD OF DESIGNATION AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION, TO |
| 16 | BENEFIT FROM PAYMENTS FOR QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION |
| 17 | EXPENSES AT AN ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION]; |
| 18 | * Sec. 14. AS 14.40.802(n)(7) is amended to read: |
| 19 | (7) "qualified [HIGHER] education expenses" has the meaning given |
| 20 | to "qualified higher education expenses" in 26 U.S.C. 529(c) and (e) [26 U.S.C. |
| 21 | 529(e)]; |
| 22 | * Sec. 15. AS 14.40.802(n)(8) is amended to read: |
| 23 | (8) "trust" means the [ALASKA HIGHER] Education [SAVINGS] |
| 24 | Trust <u>of Alaska</u> . |
| 25 | * Sec. 16. AS 14.40.809(b) is amended to read: |
| 26 | (b) The board shall |
| 27 | (1) make appropriate arrangements as necessary to fulfill the board's |
| 28 | obligations under an advance college tuition savings contract; |
| 29 | (2) establish and adopt a formal plan for administration of the advance |
| 30 | college tuition savings program; the terms and conditions of the plan shall be |
| 31 | considered a part of an advance college tuition savings contract; |

| 1 | (3) establish investment objectives, criteria, and asset allocation |
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| 2 | guidelines for the fund based on prudent institutional investor guidelines and actuarial |
| 3 | analysis of the earnings requirements for the advance college tuition savings plan; |
| 4 | (4) enter into contracts or agreements considered necessary for the |
| 5 | investment of the fund, including contracts or agreements with investment managers, |
| 6 | consultants, and other custodians of the fund; |
| 7 | (5) engage a financial advisor to report annually on the investment |
| 8 | performance of the fund; |
| 9 | (6) engage an independent firm of certified public accountants to audit |
| 10 | the financial position of the fund; |
| 11 | (7) do all acts, whether or not expressly authorized, that the board |
| 12 | considers necessary or proper in administering the assets of the fund; |
| 13 | (8) enter into reciprocal agreements with Alaska Pacific University and |
| 14 | other eligible educational institutions or state tuition programs that the board |
| 15 | determines to be beneficial to the advance college tuition savings program; |
| 16 | (9) coordinate savings options established under the Alaska advance |
| 17 | college tuition savings program and the administration of the fund with the [ALASKA |
| 18 | HIGHER] Education [SAVINGS] Trust of Alaska (AS 14.40.802), including the |
| 19 | creation of common administrative and record-keeping systems, marketing programs, |
| 20 | and operating reserves. |
| 21 | * Sec. 17. AS 40.25.120(a) is amended to read: |
| 22 | (a) Every person has a right to inspect a public record in the state, including |
| 23 | public records in recorders' offices, except |
| 24 | (1) records of vital statistics and adoption proceedings, which shall be |
| 25 | treated in the manner required by AS 18.50; |
| 26 | (2) records pertaining to juveniles unless disclosure is authorized by |
| 27 | law; |
| 28 | (3) medical and related public health records; |
| 29 | (4) records required to be kept confidential by a federal law or |
| 30 | regulation or by state law; |
| 31 | (5) to the extent the records are required to be kept confidential under |

| 1 | 20 U.S.C. 1232g and the regulations adopted under 20 U.S.C. 1232g in order to secure |
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| 2 | or retain federal assistance; |
| 3 | (6) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but |
| 4 | only to the extent that the production of the law enforcement records or information |
| 5 | (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement |
| 6 | proceedings; |
| 7 | (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an |
| 8 | impartial adjudication; |
| 9 | (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted |
| 10 | invasion of the personal privacy of a suspect, defendant, victim, or witness; |
| 11 | (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a |
| 12 | confidential source; |
| 13 | (E) would disclose confidential techniques and procedures for |
| 14 | law enforcement investigations or prosecutions; |
| 15 | (F) would disclose guidelines for law enforcement |
| 16 | investigations or prosecutions if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to |
| 17 | risk circumvention of the law; or |
| 18 | (G) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or |
| 19 | physical safety of an individual; |
| 20 | (7) names, addresses, and other information identifying a person as a |
| 21 | participant in the [ALASKA HIGHER] Education [SAVINGS] Trust of Alaska under |
| 22 | AS 14.40.802 or the advance college tuition savings program under AS 14.40.803 - |
| 23 | 14.40.817; |
| 24 | (8) public records containing information that would disclose or might |
| 25 | lead to the disclosure of a component in the process used to execute or adopt an |
| 26 | electronic signature if the disclosure would or might cause the electronic signature to |
| 27 | cease being under the sole control of the person using it; |
| 28 | (9) reports submitted under AS 05.25.030 concerning certain |
| 29 | collisions, accidents, or other casualties involving boats; |
| 30 | (10) records or information pertaining to a plan, program, or |
| 31 | procedures for establishing maintaining or restoring security in the state or to a |

| 1 | detailed description or evaluation of systems, facilities, or infrastructure in the state, |
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| 2 | but only to the extent that the production of the records or information |
| 3 | (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with the |
| 4 | implementation or enforcement of the security plan, program, or procedures; |
| 5 | (B) would disclose confidential guidelines for investigations or |
| 6 | enforcement and the disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk |
| 7 | circumvention of the law; or |
| 8 | (C) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or |
| 9 | physical safety of an individual or to present a real and substantial risk to the |
| 10 | public health and welfare; |
| 11 | (11) [REPEALED] |
| 12 | (12) records that are |
| 13 | (A) proprietary, privileged, or a trade secret in accordance with |
| 14 | AS 43.90.150 or 43.90.220(e); |
| 15 | (B) applications that are received under AS 43.90 until notice is |
| 16 | published under AS 43.90.160; |
| 17 | (13) information of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation |
| 18 | created under AS 31.25.010 or a subsidiary of the Alaska Gasline Development |
| 19 | Corporation that is confidential by law or under a valid confidentiality agreement; |
| 20 | (14) information under AS 38.05.020(b)(11) that is subject to a |
| 21 | confidentiality agreement under AS 38.05.020(b)(12); |
| 22 | (15) records relating to proceedings under AS 09.58 (Alaska Medical |
| 23 | Assistance False Claim and Reporting Act); |
| 24 | (16) names, addresses, and other information identifying a person as a |
| 25 | participant in the Alaska savings program for eligible individuals under AS 06.65; |
| 26 | (17) artists' submissions made in response to an inquiry or solicitation |
| 27 | initiated by the Alaska State Council on the Arts under AS 44.27.060; |
| 28 | (18) records that are |
| 29 | (A) investigative files under AS 45.55.910; or |
| 30 | (B) confidential under AS 45.56.620. |
| 31 | * Sec. 18. AS 47.10.093(b) is amended to read: |

| 1 | (b) A state of municipal agency of employee shall disclose appropriate |
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| 2 | confidential information regarding a case to |
| 3 | (1) a guardian ad litem appointed by the court; |
| 4 | (2) a person or an agency requested by the department or the child's |
| 5 | legal custodian to provide consultation or services for a child who is subject to the |
| 6 | jurisdiction of the court under AS 47.10.010 as necessary to enable the provision of |
| 7 | the consultation or services; |
| 8 | (3) an out-of-home care provider as necessary to enable the out-of- |
| 9 | home care provider to provide appropriate care to the child, to protect the safety of the |
| 10 | child, and to protect the safety and property of family members and visitors of the out- |
| 11 | of-home care provider; |
| 12 | (4) a school official as necessary to enable the school to provide |
| 13 | appropriate counseling and support services to a child who is the subject of the case, to |
| 14 | protect the safety of the child, and to protect the safety of school students and staff; |
| 15 | (5) a governmental agency as necessary to obtain that agency's |
| 16 | assistance for the department in its investigation or to obtain physical custody of a |
| 17 | child; |
| 18 | (6) a law enforcement agency of this state or another jurisdiction as |
| 19 | necessary for the protection of any child or for actions by that agency to protect the |
| 20 | public safety; |
| 21 | (7) a member of a multidisciplinary child protection team created |
| 22 | under AS 47.14.300 as necessary for the performance of the member's duties; |
| 23 | (8) the state medical examiner under AS 12.65 as necessary for the |
| 24 | performance of the duties of the state medical examiner; |
| 25 | (9) a person who has made a report of harm as required by |
| 26 | AS 47.17.020 to inform the person that the investigation was completed and of action |
| 27 | taken to protect the child who was the subject of the report; |
| 28 | (10) the child support services agency established in AS 25.27.010 as |
| 29 | necessary to establish and collect child support for a child who is a child in need of aid |
| 30 | under this chapter; |
| 31 | (11) a parent, guardian, or caregiver of a child or an entity responsible |

| 1 | for ensuring the safety of children as necessary to protect the safety of a child; |
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| 2 | (12) a review panel, including a variance committee established under |
| 3 | AS 47.05.360, established by the department for the purpose of reviewing the actions |
| 4 | taken by the department in a specific case; |
| 5 | (13) the University of Alaska under the Alaska [HIGHER] education |
| 6 | savings program for children established under AS 47.14.400, but only to the extent |
| 7 | that the information is necessary to support the program and only if the information |
| 8 | released is maintained as a confidential record by the University of Alaska; |
| 9 | (14) a child placement agency licensed under AS 47.32 as necessary to |
| 10 | provide services for a child who is the subject of the case; |
| 11 | (15) a state or municipal agency of this state or another jurisdiction |
| 12 | that is responsible for delinquent minors, as may be necessary for the administration of |
| 13 | services, protection, rehabilitation, or supervision of a child or for actions by the |
| 14 | agency to protect the public safety; however, a court may review an objection made to |
| 15 | a disclosure under this paragraph; the person objecting to the disclosure bears the |
| 16 | burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that disclosure is not in the |
| 17 | child's best interest; and |
| 18 | (16) a sibling of a child who is the subject of the case to allow the |
| 19 | siblings to contact each other if it is in the best interests of the child to maintain |
| 20 | contact; in this paragraph, "sibling" means an adult or minor who is related to the child |
| 21 | who is the subject of the case by blood, adoption, or marriage as a child of one or both |
| 22 | of the parents of the child who is the subject of the case; a sibling who is adopted by a |
| 23 | person other than the parent of the child who is the subject of the case remains a |
| 24 | sibling of the child. |
| 25 | * Sec. 19. AS 47.12.310(b) is amended to read: |
| 26 | (b) A state or municipal agency or employee shall disclose |
| 27 | (1) information regarding a case to a federal, state, or municipal law |
| 28 | enforcement agency for a specific investigation being conducted by that agency; |
| 29 | (2) appropriate information regarding a case to |
| 30 | (A) a guardian ad litem appointed by the court; |
| 31 | (B) a person or an agency requested by the department or the |

| 1 | minor's legal custodian to provide consultation or services for a minor who is |
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| 2 | subject to the jurisdiction of the court under this chapter as necessary to enable |
| 3 | the provision of the consultation or services; |
| 4 | (C) school officials as may be necessary to protect the safety of |
| 5 | the minor who is the subject of the case and the safety of school students and |
| 6 | staff or to enable the school to provide appropriate counseling and supportive |
| 7 | services to meet the needs of a minor about whom information is disclosed; |
| 8 | (D) a governmental agency as may be necessary to obtain that |
| 9 | agency's assistance for the department in its investigation or to obtain physical |
| 10 | custody of a minor; |
| 11 | (E) a law enforcement agency of this state or another |
| 12 | jurisdiction as may be necessary for the protection, rehabilitation, or |
| 13 | supervision of any minor or for actions by that agency to protect the public |
| 14 | safety; |
| 15 | (F) a victim or to the victim's insurance company as may be |
| 16 | necessary to inform the victim or the insurance company about the arrest of the |
| 17 | minor, including the minor's name and the names of the minor's parents, copies |
| 18 | of reports, or the disposition or resolution of a case involving a minor; |
| 19 | (G) the state medical examiner under AS 12.65 as may be |
| 20 | necessary to perform the duties of the state medical examiner; |
| 21 | (H) foster parents or relatives with whom the child is placed by |
| 22 | the department as may be necessary to enable the foster parents or relatives to |
| 23 | provide appropriate care for the child who is the subject of the case, to protect |
| 24 | the safety of the child who is the subject of the case, and to protect the safety |
| 25 | and property of family members and visitors of the foster parents or relatives; |
| 26 | (I) the Department of Law or its agent for use and subsequent |
| 27 | release if necessary for collection of an order of restitution on behalf of the |
| 28 | recipient; |
| 29 | (J) the Violent Crimes Compensation Board established in |
| 30 | AS 18.67.020 for use in awarding compensation under AS 18.67.080; |
| 31 | (K) a state, municipal, or federal agency of this state or another |

| 1 | jurisdiction that has the authority to license adult or children's facilities and |
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| 2 | services; |
| 3 | (L) a child placement agency licensed under AS 47.32 as |
| 4 | necessary to provide services for a minor who is subject to the jurisdiction of |
| 5 | the court under this chapter; and |
| 6 | (M) a state or municipal agency of this state or another |
| 7 | jurisdiction that is responsible for child protection services, as may be |
| 8 | necessary for the administration of services, protection, rehabilitation, or |
| 9 | supervision of a minor or for actions by the agency to protect the public safety; |
| 10 | and |
| 11 | (3) to the University of Alaska under the Alaska [HIGHER] education |
| 12 | savings program for children established under AS 47.14.400 information that is |
| 13 | necessary to support the program, but only if the information released is maintained as |
| 14 | a confidential record by the University of Alaska. |
| 15 | * Sec. 20. AS 47.14.400(a) is amended to read: |
| 16 | (a) The department shall administer a program to encourage investment by a |
| 17 | person or entity in the [HIGHER] education of eligible children in the state. The |
| 18 | program must include |
| 19 | (1) a central office, dedicated to faith-based and community services, |
| 20 | for development and marketing of the program; |
| 21 | (2) a mechanism for the department to establish and maintain an |
| 22 | education [A UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE] savings plan under |
| 23 | AS 14.40.802 - 14.40.817 for an eligible child who is a beneficiary of the program; |
| 24 | (3) a process for identifying donors and eligible beneficiaries; |
| 25 | (4) a process for distributing nonidentifying information about an |
| 26 | eligible beneficiary to a potential donor, including the age, sex, and general location of |
| 27 | the beneficiary, unless the information readily leads to the identification of the eligible |
| 28 | beneficiary; |
| 29 | (5) terms and conditions for participation in the program that are |
| 30 | consistent with the education [UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE] savings plan |
| 31 | restrictions and with federal law pertaining to [HIGHER] education savings accounts; |

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| 2 | (6) a procedure for monitoring success of the program, for record |
| 3 | keeping, and for maintaining confidentiality of records as required by federal and state |
| 4 | law. |
| 5 | * Sec. 21. AS 47.14.400(b) is amended to read: |
| 6 | (b) A person is eligible for participation in the [HIGHER] education savings |
| 7 | program for children as a beneficiary if the person was ordered committed to the |
| 8 | custody of the department under AS 47.10.080(c) or AS 47.12.120(b)(1) or (3), was |
| 9 | placed in out-of-home care for not less than two years, and is a resident of the state. |
| 10 | * Sec. 22. AS 47.14.400(c) is amended to read: |
| 11 | (c) The commissioner of health and social services or the commissioner's |
| 12 | designee may name a new beneficiary to an existing education [COLLEGE] savings |
| 13 | plan established under (a) of this section if the new designation is not prohibited under |
| 14 | federal law or under the education [UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE] savings |
| 15 | plan and if the named beneficiary dies, fails to enroll in an eligible program before the |
| 16 | beneficiary becomes 30 years of age, or fails to meet conditions established in |
| 17 | regulations adopted by the commissioner of health and social services. |
| 18 | * Sec. 23. AS 47.14.400(e)(3) is amended to read: |
| 19 | (3) "donor" means the person or entity who contributes to the |
| 20 | [HIGHER] education savings program for children for the purpose of establishing or |
| 21 | contributing to an education [A COLLEGE] savings plan [ACCOUNT] established |
| 22 | for a child under this section; |
| 23 | * Sec. 24. AS 47.14.400(e) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read: |
| 24 | (5) "education savings plan" means an education savings program |
| 25 | established under AS 14.40.802 - 14.40.817. |
| 26 | * Sec. 25. AS 47.14.400(e)(2) is repealed. |