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**SB 123 version I – Sectional Analysis**

**CINA: CITIZENS' REVIEW PANELS**

**"An Act relating to citizen review panels for certain children in state custody; reestablishing the Citizens' Review Panel for Permanency Planning; and providing for an effective date."**

**Section 1: AS 44.66.010(a). – Page 1, Lines 5 through Line 7.**

Extends the termination date of the Citizens' Review Panel for Permanency Planning to June 30, 2032.

**Section 2: AS 47.10.080. – Page 1, Line 8 through Page 2 Line 1.**

Requires the department to notify the appropriate local citizen out-of-home care review panel within 60 days after removing a child from the home.

Also requires the department to inform parties about the local review panel within 60 days after a court orders a child committed to the department and at specified permanency hearings or reviews.

**Section 3: AS 47.10.093(b) – Page 2, Line 2 through Page 3, Line 28.**

Adds local citizen out-of-care review panels to the list of entities authorized to receive appropriate confidential information regarding a case.

**Section 4: AS 47.10.142 – Page 3, Line 29 to Page 4 Line 1.**

Requires the department to inform parties about the local citizen out-of-home care review panel within 60 days after a court orders a child committed to the department under this section.

**Section 5: AS 47.10.401 – AS 47.10.491 – Page 4, Line 2 through Page 11, Line 5.**

Creates Article 3A within Title 47, Chapter 10: Children in Need of Aid, establishing the Citizens' Review Panel for Permanency Planning and local citizen out-of-home care review panels.

**Duties of State Panel: – AS 47.10.411 - Page 5, Line 1 through Line 19.**

Requires the state panel to adopt regulations, ensure training for local panel members, coordinate and review local panel activities, make appointment recommendations, and submit an annual report to the legislature detailing panel activity and recommendations.

**Appointment of Local Panels:** – AS 47.10.421 – Page 5, Line 20 through Page 6, Line 28.

Provides for appointment of local citizen out-of-home care review panels in each judicial district. Establishes qualifications, terms, alternates, representational and confidentiality requirements, and procedures for excusal and participation of alternates. Allows the governor to create or dissolve additional panels based on caseload.

**Meetings; Expenses:** – AS 47.10.431 – Page 6, Line 29 through Page 7, Line 13.

Provides for electronic or in-person meetings of local panels, establishes quorum requirements, and limits reimbursement of travel and related expenses.

**Duties of Local Panels:** – AS 47.10.441 – Page 7, Line 14 through Page 9, Line 23.

Requires local panels to review case plans for children placed out of home under specified statutes. Establishes notice requirements, identifies participants who may provide input, outlines review considerations, requires written reports with advisory recommendations, and requires reporting to the state panel.

**Cooperation:** – AS 47.10.451 – Page 9, Line 24 through Line 27.

Requires the department and other specified state entities to cooperate with the state and local panels to facilitate timely review of cases.

**Records; Communication:** – AS 47.10.461 – Page 9, Line 28 through Page 10, Line 12.

Requires relevant agencies and the court to provide records to local panels upon request. Requires destruction of records after review. Provides confidentiality protections for panel records and communications.

**Court Review of Report:** – AS 47.10.471 – Page 10, Line 13 through Line 19.

Allows courts to consider local panel reports in certain hearings and authorizes referral of cases to a local panel for review.

**Indemnification:** – AS 47.10.481 – Page 10, Line 20 through Line 26.

Provides indemnification for state and local panel members for civil liability arising from negligent acts performed within the scope of their duties, subject to specified exceptions.

**Definition:** – AS 47.10.491 – Page 10, Line 27 through Page 11, Line 5.

Defines “local panel,” “out-of-home care provider,” and “state panel” for purposes of the article.

**Section 6:** – Page 11, Line 6 through Line 8.

Repeals the Citizens’ Review Panel for Permanency Planning and related statutory provisions.

**Section 7:** - (UNCODIFIED) – Page 11, Line 9 through Line 20.

Establishes staggered initial terms for the state panel and allows the governor to appoint initial voting members who are not current members of state panels.

**Section 8: - (UNCODIFIED) – Page 11, Line 20 through Line 27.**

Establishes staggered initial terms for local citizen out-of-home care review panel members.

**Section 9: – Page 11, Line 28.**

Provides that the repealer in section 6 takes effect June 30, 2032.

**Section 10: - Page 11, Line 29.**

Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2026, except as provided in Section 9.

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