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MEMORANDUM February 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary: Psychologists and Psychological Associates Criminal History Record - SB 41 (Work Order No. 29-LS0170\H)

TO: Senator Cathy Giessel
Attn: Jane Conway

FROM: Kathleen Strasbaugh
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of SB 41 concerning criminal history record checks for psychologists and psychological associates. Please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Sec. 1 of the bill amends AS 08.86.070 by adding new subsections.

AS 08.86.070(b) imposes a duty on the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (board) to require applicants for licensure as psychologists or psychological associates to submit fingerprints and fees necessary to obtain criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check. The subsection authorizes the board to adopt regulations requiring applicants for renewal of a license to submit fingerprints and a fee as required in the subsection.

AS 08.86.070(c) requires the Department of Commerce, Economic and Community Development to submit the fingerprints and fees to the Department of Public Safety to obtain criminal justice information and a national criminal history check under AS 12.62.

Sec. 2 of the bill adds licensure as a psychologist or psychological associate under AS 18.86 to the list of licensed professions for which the Department of Public of Public Safety may process criminal history records checks.

Sec. 3 of the bill makes it applicable to applications for license or renewal filed on or after the effective date of the act.

Sec. 4 provides an effective date of July 1, 2015.

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