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SB 187 SECTIONAL

Relating to Sensitive Confidential Information Involving a Minor in Sexual Abuse and Child Abuse Cases

Section 1. Adds to AS 11.76.113(a), *Misconduct involving confidential information in the first degree*, an offense for publishing or distributing an audio or video recording of an interview of a child, or other physical evidence gathered for a criminal or child protection investigation. Class A Misdemeanor.

Exceptions to the prohibition would be distribution required by a court order, a rule of court, or if distribution is required by federal or state law.

Sec. 2. Adds to the list of materials to *Remain in the Custody of Attorney* in Rule 16(d)(3) of Alaska Rules of Criminal Code: (1) an audio or video interview of a victim; and (2) photographs taken during a medical examination of a victim.

Sec. 3. Adds a new court rule in Rule 16(d) of Alaska Rules of Criminal Code, Rule(d)(7), *Confidential filing*, which would require evidence described in section 2 to be filed with the court in a confidential envelope.

Sec. 4. Adds to Child in Need of Aide (CINA) Rules of Procedure Rule 8, a new subsection (j), *Disclosure of recording and medical records*, which is the counterpart of Discovery Rules in Rule 16 of Alaska Rules of Criminal Code.

Sec. 5. Applicability clause to offenses committed on or after the effective date.

Sec. 6. Gives the bill an immediate effective date.