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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.