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CSHB 73(JUD) and CSSB 22(FIN)

Comparison

CSHB 73(JUD) and CSSB 22(FIN) are essentially the same, but with two exceptions:

- CSHB 73(JUD) added two sections (30 and 31) which make conforming amendments to the law that provides a savings clause in our adoption code. In that code, a victim of sexual abuse or incest that becomes pregnant as a result of the crime may initiate proceedings to terminate the parental rights of the perpetrator. If they do so, the law "saves" other remedies for them against the perpetrator. The legislature neglected to specifically include victims of sexual abuse in the savings clause. The additions specify that victims of sexual assault are protected, too.
- Both bills amend Rule 16(b), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, by limiting the copying and distribution of child pornography that is attendant on the discovery process in a criminal prosecution. CSHB 73(JUD) allows the court to make arrangements to send the materials to experts both in and outside the state for examination. CSSB 22(FIN) would only allow the material to be sent to an expert out of state.