

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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### HB 31 Version U (S STA) Sectional Analysis

**Sections one and two** mandates that all Alaska police officers receive at least 12 hours of sexual assault training, in addition to their existing domestic violation training.

**Section three** defines sexual assault.

**Section four** mandates a unified, statewide, victim-centered approach to reporting sexual assault. At the request of the bill's sponsor, victim advocates and the Alaska Department of Public Safety, the Senate State Affairs Committee amended the legislation to eliminate one of the three reporting options – the medical option. The two that remain – the law enforcement option and the anonymous option, meet the standards of the US Dept. of Justice best practices.

*Dept. of Justice White Paper language*

"Testing sexual assault kits associated with victims who obtained medical forensic exams but who have not consented to having the kit tested by law enforcement, can result in a sense of revictimization and can undermine community trust."

**Section five** defines vulnerable adult.

**Section six** mandates that by November 1 of each year, the Department of Public Safety must deliver a report to the Legislature on the inventory of the untested rape kits.

**Section seven** sets a July 1, 2018 effective date.