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Sectional Analysis: HB 305

“An Act relating to the persons required to report child abuse or neglect or a threat of harm to a child; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1. This section amends AS 22.35 by adding a new section that requires judges of the superior court or district court to immediately notify law enforcement if they believe there is an imminent risk of harm to a child at the time of issuance of a domestic violence protective order.

Section 2. This section amends AS 47.17.020(a), the statute that describes the categories of mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect, to clarify language regarding the capacity in which mandatory reporters are required to notify the Office of Children’s Services if they have reasonable cause to suspect a child has suffered harm or neglect. This subsection also adds four new categories of mandatory reporters: members of the clergy, animal shelter workers, first responders, and guardians at litem.