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HB 60 Sectional Analysis

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Section 1 — Amends *AS 12.62.400(a)* to assign responsibility for criminal history checks for the licensing of runaway shelters to the Department of Health rather than the Department of Family and Community Services. This is done to correct a mistake from EO 121 that assigned the licensing of runaway shelters to Department of Family and Community Services even though a division of Department of Health performs this work. Sections 4-9 also implement this correction.

Section 2 — Amends *AS 44.25.260* to add the Department of Family and Community Services Commissioner to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board of advisors.

Section 3 — Amends *AS 47.05* by adding a new section:

(1) requiring the Department of Health and Department of Family and Community Services share identifiable health information between and within departments as necessary to enable the efficient and effective administration and operation of both departments;

(2) establishing that information acquired, used, disclosed, and stored under this section be stored in a confidential and secure environment;

(3) establishes the definition of "identifiable health information" with the existing definition in *AS 18.15.395*.

Sections 4-9 — Amends statute to identify that the Department of Health holds responsibility for the licensure of programs and drafting regulations related to runaway minors.

Sections 10 — Amends *AS 47.32.032* to provide clarifying language in licensing statute to identify that the Department of Family and Community Services is responsible for foster home licensing. This corrects a mistake from EO 121 that assigned the licensing of foster homes to Department of Health even though a division of Department of Family and Community Services performs this work.

Section 11-15 — Amends *AS 47.32* to provide clarifying language in licensing statute about the respective departments having responsibility for actions related to the entities they license.

Section 16 — Establishes an immediate effective date.