

Department of Family and Community Services

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HB 60 Sectional Analysis (Version S.A) 5.1.23

- 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.
- Section 2 Amends AS 18.65(f)(1) to amend the definition of "department" to include the Department of Family and Community Services.
- Section 3 Amends *AS 44.25.260* to add the Commissioner of the Department of Family and Community Services to the list of advisors to Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board.
- Amends AS 47.05 by adding a new section: 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; establishing that information acquired, used, disclosed, and stored under this section be stored in a confidential and secure environment; establishes the definition of "identifiable health information" with the existing definition in AS 18.15.395.
- Amends multiple statues and adds a new subsection (Section 6) to correctly identify the roles of the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services related to programs for runaway minors. Specifically, the Department of Health is responsible for regulation and licensure, while the Department of Family and Community Services maintains a register of licensed runaway programs, awards community grants, and receives notifications related to minors.

Section 5 was amended on the floor of the House of Representatives to add language in runaway shelter licensing statute related to human or sex trafficking. The language requires facilities licensed by the Department of Health to report knowledge of potential cases of human or sex trafficking to law enforcement agencies. The language requires shelters for runaways to provide educational materials and information on the services available to victims of human and sex trafficking. A new section was added (section 9) to include a definition of human trafficking.

Amends AS 47.10.396 to clarify that records required by the both the departments that are Section 11 held by licensed shelters for runaways are considered confidential. Amends AS 47.32.032 to provide clarifying language in licensing statute to identify that the Section 16 Department of Family and Community Services is responsible for foster home licensing and certain types of variances related to the license. Amends AS 47.32 to provide clarifying language in licensing statute about the respective Sections 17-19 departments having responsibility for actions related to the entities they license. Amends AS 47.32.900 to clarify that the Department of Health determines whether a facility Section 20 can be considered an "assisted living home." Section 21 Amends AS 47.32 to add a new definition for "applicable department" in licensing statute to recognize the departments responsibility for actions related to the entities they license. Repeals AS 47.32.010(c)(3) related to the licensure of shelters for runaways. Specifically, Section 22 this repeal clarifies other provisions (sections 5-15) in this bill that runaway shelters are licensed by the Department of Health and not the Department of Family and Community Services.

Establishes an immediate effective date.

Section 23