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AN ACT

Authorizing young adult advisory panels in cases involving the commission of certain criminal offenses by minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 47.10.070 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.10.070. HEARINGS. The court may conduct the hearing in an informal manner in the courtroom or in chambers. All hearings under this chapter are without a jury and the usual rules of evidence do not apply. However, a hearing may be held before a young adult advisory panel in accordance with sec. 75 of this chapter. The court shall give notice of the hearing to the department and it may send a representative to the hearing. The court shall also transmit a copy of the petition to the department. The representative of the department may also be heard at the hearing. The public shall be excluded from the hearing, but the court, in its discretion, may permit individuals to attend a hearing, if their attendance is compatible with the best interests of the minor.

* Sec. 2. AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.10.075. YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY PANELS. (a)

Unless the minor objects, the court may select a young adult advisory panel to hear the case and advise the court of a recommended judgment and order. The court may consider any of the panel recommendations in making its judgment and order in the case.

(b) The principal of each high school shall submit annually to the court a list of the students enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12. The court shall determine the method of selecting the members of each panel.

(c) A student shall be excused from attending school during the time he is serving as a panel member. No student may serve more than once each year on a panel.

(d) A student shall be excused from service as a panel member if he submits a written request to the court indicating the reason he does not wish to serve.