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AN ACT

Relating to reports of injuries to children caused by abuse, neglect or starvation.

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

* Section 1. AS 11.67 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 11.67.005. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. In order to protect children whose health and welfare may be adversely affected through the infliction, by other than accidental means, of physical injury or physical neglect requiring the attention of a practitioner of the healing arts, the legislature hereby provides for the reporting of these cases by practitioners and others to the appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that, as a result of these reports, protective services shall be made available in an effort to prevent further abuses, and to safeguard and enhance the general welfare of the children in this state.

* Sec. 2. AS 11.67.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 11.67.010. PERSONS WHO SHALL REPORT. (a) A practitioner of the healing arts who, during the examination or treatment of a child, has cause to believe that the child has suffered physical injury as a result of abuse, neglect or starvation shall report the injury in accordance with sec. 20 of this chapter.

(b) A school teacher or social worker who, while acting in an official capacity, has cause to believe that a child has suffered injury as a result of abuse, neglect or starvation shall report the injury in accordance with sec. 20 of this chapter.

* Sec. 3. AS 11.67.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 11.67.020. REPORTS. (a) An immediate report of the injury shall be made to the nearest office of the department. All oral reports shall be followed within 24 hours by written reports.

(b) Oral and written reports shall contain

(1) the names and addresses of the child and the parents or guardians, if known;

(2) the child's age and the nature and extent of the injury, including evidence of previous injuries, if known;

(3) information which might assist in determining the cause of injury and the identity of the person or persons responsible for the injury.

* Sec. 4. AS 11.67 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 11.67.065. CENTRAL REGISTRY. Copies of all written reports received by the department shall be forwarded to all departmental district offices. Reports and other pertinent information received from the department shall be made available to any licensed physician, dentist, chiropractor, religious practitioner, or probation officer, and to any agency offering child protective service.