



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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## AN ACT

Concerning the philosophy of the Department of Health and Social Services' approach to treating children.

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

\* Section 1. AS 47.10.280 is repealed.

\* Sec. 2. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.05.060. PURPOSE AND POLICY RELATING TO CHILDREN. The purpose of this title as it relates to children is to secure for each child the care and guidance, preferably in his own home, that will serve the moral, emotional, mental, and physical welfare of the child and the best interests of the community; to preserve and strengthen the child's family ties whenever possible, removing him from the custody of his parents only as a last resort when his welfare or safety or the protection of the public cannot be adequately safeguarded without removal; and, when the child is removed from his family, to secure for him adequate custody and care.

Approved by governor: June 8, 1976  
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