

**HOUSE BILL NO. 202**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/27/95

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the participation and accountability of parents and  
2 guardians and the enforcement of restitution orders entered in juvenile  
3 delinquency proceedings; relating to claims on permanent fund dividends for  
4 certain court-ordered treatment in juvenile delinquency proceedings; changing  
5 Alaska Supreme Court Delinquency Rules 3(b) and 8(b); and providing for an  
6 effective date."

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

8 \* **Section 1.** AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9           Sec. 43.23.066. CLAIMS ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-ORDERED  
10       TREATMENT. (a) AS 09.38 does not apply to permanent fund dividends taken under  
11       AS 47.10.079(c). Notwithstanding AS 09.35, execution on a dividend claimed under  
12       AS 47.10.079(c) is accomplished by delivering a certified claim to the department  
13       containing the following information:

1 (1) the name and social security number of the individual whose  
2 dividend is being claimed;

3 (2) the amount the individual owes on the reimbursement claim; and

4 (3) a statement that

5 (A) the Department of Health and Social Services has notified  
6 the individual that future permanent fund dividends of the individual will be  
7 taken to satisfy the reimbursement claim;

8 (B) the individual was notified of the right to request a hearing  
9 and allowed 30 days after the date of the notice described in (A) of this  
10 paragraph to request the Department of Health and Social Services to hold a  
11 hearing on the reimbursement claim;

12 (C) the reimbursement claim has not been contested, or, if  
13 contested, that the issue has been resolved in favor of the Department of Health  
14 and Social Services; and

15 (D) if the reimbursement claim has been contested and resolved  
16 in favor of the Department of Health and Social Services, no appeal is pending,  
17 the time limit for filing an appeal has expired, or the appeal has been resolved  
18 in favor of the Department of Health and Social Services.

19 (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall notify the individual  
20 if a dividend is claimed under (a) of this section. The notice shall be sent to the  
21 address provided in the individual's permanent fund dividend application and must  
22 provide the following information:

23 (1) the amount of the reimbursement claim;

24 (2) notice that the permanent fund dividend, or that portion of the  
25 permanent fund dividend that does not exceed the amount of the reimbursement claim,  
26 shall be paid to the Department of Health and Social Services; and

27 (3) notification that the individual has a right to request a hearing and  
28 has 30 days after the date the notice is mailed in which to file with the Department of  
29 Health and Social Services an objection to the dividend claim if a mistake has been  
30 made.

31 (c) AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630 apply to a hearing requested by an individual

1 under (b)(3) of this section.

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

3 Sec. 47.10.079. PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
4 PARTICIPATION. (a) The parent or guardian of a minor who is alleged to be a  
5 delinquent under AS 47.10.010(a)(1) or found to be a delinquent under  
6 AS 47.10.080(b) shall attend each hearing held during the delinquency proceedings  
7 unless the court excuses the parent or guardian from attendance for good cause.

8 (b) If a minor is found to be a delinquent under AS 47.10.080(b), the court  
9 may order that the minor's parent or guardian

10 (1) personally participate in treatment reasonably available in the  
11 parent's or guardian's location as specified in a plan set out in the court order;

12 (2) notify the department if the minor violates a term or condition of  
13 the court order; and

14 (3) comply with any other conditions set out in the court order.

15 (c) If a court orders a minor's parent or guardian to participate in treatment  
16 under (b) of this section, the court also shall order the parent or guardian to use any  
17 available insurance or other such resource to cover the treatment, or to pay for the  
18 treatment if such coverage is unavailable. If the court determines that the parent or  
19 guardian is unable to pay for the treatment due to indigence and the department pays  
20 for the treatment, the department may seek reimbursement only from the indigent  
21 parent or guardian's permanent fund dividend.

22 (d) The permanent fund dividend of an indigent parent or guardian  
23 participating in treatment ordered under (b) of this section may be taken under  
24 AS 43.23.065(b)(6) and 43.23.066 to satisfy the balance due on a reimbursement claim  
25 by the department under (c) of this section.

26 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 47.10.080(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) If the court finds that the minor is delinquent, it shall

28 (1) order the minor committed to the department for a period of time  
29 not to exceed two years or in any event extend past the day the minor becomes 19,  
30 except that the department may petition for and the court may grant in a hearing (A)  
31 two-year extensions of commitment that do not extend beyond the child's 19th

1 birthday if the extension is in the best interests of the minor and the public; and (B)  
2 an additional one-year period of supervision past age 19 if continued supervision is in  
3 the best interests of the person and the person consents to it; the department shall place  
4 the minor in the juvenile facility that the department considers appropriate and that  
5 may include a juvenile correctional school, juvenile work camp, treatment facility,  
6 detention home, or detention facility; the minor may be released from placement or  
7 detention and placed on probation on order of the court and may also be released by  
8 the department, in its discretion, under AS 47.10.200;

9 (2) order the minor placed on probation, to be supervised by the  
10 department, and released to the minor's parents, guardian, or a suitable person; if the  
11 court orders the minor placed on probation, it may specify the terms and conditions  
12 of probation; the probation may be for a period of time, not to exceed two years and  
13 in no event extend past the day the minor becomes 19, except that the department may  
14 petition for and the court may grant in a hearing

15 (A) two-year extensions of supervision that do not extend  
16 beyond the child's 19th birthday if the extension is in the best interests of the  
17 minor and the public; and

18 (B) an additional one-year period of supervision past age 19 if  
19 the continued supervision is in the best interests of the person and the person  
20 consents to it;

21 (3) order the minor committed to the department and placed on  
22 probation, to be supervised by the department, and released to the minor's parents,  
23 guardian, other suitable person, or suitable nondetention setting such as a family home,  
24 group care facility, or child care facility, whichever the department considers  
25 appropriate to implement the treatment plan of the predisposition report; if the court  
26 orders the minor placed on probation, it may specify the terms and conditions of  
27 probation; the department may transfer the minor, in the minor's best interests, from  
28 one of the probationary placement settings listed in this paragraph to another, and the  
29 minor, the minor's parents or guardian, and the minor's attorney are entitled to  
30 reasonable notice of the transfer; the probation may be for a period of time, not to  
31 exceed two years and in no event extend past the day the minor becomes 19, except

1 that the department may petition for and the court may grant in a hearing

2 (A) two-year extensions of commitment that do not extend  
3 beyond the child's 19th birthday if the extension is in the best interests of the  
4 minor and the public; and

5 (B) an additional one-year period of supervision past age 19 if  
6 the continued supervision is in the best interests of the person and the person  
7 consents to it;

8 (4) order the minor **and the minor's parent** to make suitable  
9 restitution in lieu of or in addition to the court's order under (1), (2), or (3) of this  
10 subsection; the court may not refuse to make an order of restitution under this  
11 paragraph to benefit the victim of the act of the minor that is the basis of the  
12 delinquency adjudication;

13 (5) order the minor committed to the department for placement in an  
14 adventure based education program established under AS 47.21.020 with conditions  
15 the court considers appropriate concerning release upon satisfactory completion of the  
16 program or commitment under (1) of this subsection if the program is not satisfactorily  
17 completed; [OR]

18 (6) in addition to an order under (1) - (5) of this subsection, if the  
19 delinquency finding is based on the minor's violation of AS 11.71.030(a)(3) or  
20 11.71.040(a)(4), order the minor to perform 50 hours of community service; for  
21 purposes of this paragraph, "community service" includes work

22 (A) on a project identified in AS 33.30.901; or

23 (B) that, on the recommendation of the city council or  
24 traditional village council, would benefit persons within the city or village who  
25 are elderly or disabled; **or**

26 **(7) in addition to an order under (1) - (6) of this subsection, order**  
27 **the minor's parent or guardian to comply with orders made under AS 47.10.079,**  
28 **including participation in treatment under AS 47.10.079 (b)(1).**

29 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

30 Sec. 47.10.086. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTITUTION. A person who is a  
31 recipient of a restitution order involving a minor found delinquent under AS 47.10.080

1 may enforce an order for restitution under AS 47.10.080 against the minor and the  
2 minor's parent under AS 09.35 as if the order were a civil judgment enforceable by  
3 execution. This section does not limit the authority of the court to otherwise enforce  
4 orders of payment for restitution. An order of restitution enforced under this section  
5 does not limit under other law any civil liability of the minor or the minor's parent as  
6 a result of the delinquent conduct.

7 \* **Sec. 5.** Alaska Supreme Court Delinquency Rule 3(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) PRESENCE OF JUVENILE AND OTHER PARTIES. The presence of  
9 the juvenile is required unless the juvenile:

10 (1) waives the right to be present and the juvenile's presence is excused  
11 by the court; or

12 (2) engages in conduct which justifies exclusion from the courtroom.

13 The presence of the parent or guardian is **required** [PREFERRED, BUT NOT  
14 REQUIRED] unless **excused by** the court **for good cause** [SO ORDERS].

15 \* **Sec. 6.** Alaska Supreme Court Delinquency Rule 8(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) SUMMONS. Upon the filing of a petition for adjudication, the court shall  
17 set a time for the arraignment on petition and shall, if the juvenile is not in custody,  
18 issue a summons to be served with the petition compelling the attendance of the  
19 juvenile. The court **shall** [MAY] issue a summons compelling the attendance of the  
20 juvenile's parents or guardian at the hearing. If the summons and petition are not  
21 contained in one document, the petition must be attached to and incorporated by  
22 reference into the summons. The summons must contain a statement advising the  
23 parties of their right to counsel.

24 \* **Sec. 7.** Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect immediately under  
25 AS 01.10.070(c) only if secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act receive the two-thirds majority vote  
26 of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

27 \* **Sec. 8.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c) only if  
28 sec. 2 of this Act takes effect.