

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 218(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS HALFORD, Green, Donley, Taylor, Leman, Duncan, Lincoln, Parnell, Kelly, Pearce, Sharp, Miller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the crimes of murder, manslaughter, and criminally negligent
2 homicide; relating to homicides of children; and relating to the crime of
3 interference with custody of a child or incompetent person."

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

5 * Section 1. AS 11.41.100(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A person commits the crime of murder in the first degree if

7 (1) with intent to cause the death of another person, the person

8 (A) causes the death of any person; or

9 (B) compels or induces any person to commit suicide through
10 duress or deception; [OR]

11 (2) the person knowingly engages in conduct directed toward [,
12 UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MANIFESTING EXTREME INDIFFERENCE TO THE
13 VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE, IN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF ASSAULT OR
14 TORTURE OF] a child under the age of 16 and the person with criminal negligence

1 [, AND ONE OF THE ACTS OF ASSAULT OR TORTURE RESULTS IN THE
 2 DEATH OF THE CHILD; FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A PERSON
 3 "ENGAGES IN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF ASSAULT OR TORTURE" IF
 4 THE PERSON] inflicts serious physical injury on the [A] child by at least two
 5 separate acts, and one of the acts results in the death of the child; or

6 **(3) acting alone or with one or more persons, the person commits**
 7 **or attempts to commit a sexual offense or kidnapping against a child under 16**
 8 **years of age and, in the course of or in furtherance of the offense or in immediate**
 9 **flight from that offense, any person causes the death of the child; in this**
 10 **paragraph, "sexual offense" means an offense defined in AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.470.**

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 11.41.110(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) A person commits the crime of murder in the second degree if

13 (1) with intent to cause serious physical injury to another person or
 14 knowing that the conduct is substantially certain to cause death or serious physical
 15 injury to another person, the person causes the death of any person;

16 (2) the person knowingly engages in conduct that results in the death
 17 of another person under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value
 18 of human life;

19 (3) **under circumstances not amounting to murder in the first**
 20 **degree under AS 11.41.110(a)(3), while** acting either alone or with one or more
 21 persons, the person commits or attempts to commit arson in the first degree,
 22 kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the second degree,
 23 **sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second**
 24 **degree,** burglary in the first degree, escape in the first or second degree, robbery in
 25 any degree, or misconduct involving a controlled substance under AS 11.71.010(a),
 26 11.71.020(a), 11.71.030(a)(1) or (2), or 11.71.040(a)(1) or (2) and, in the course of or
 27 in furtherance of that crime [,] or in immediate flight from that crime, any person
 28 causes the death of a person other than one of the participants; [OR]

29 (4) acting with a criminal street gang, the person commits or attempts
 30 to commit a crime that is a felony and, in the course of or in furtherance of that crime
 31 or in immediate flight from that crime, any person causes the death of a person other

1 than one of the participants; or

2 (5) the person with criminal negligence causes the death of a child
 3 under the age of 16, and the person has been previously convicted of a crime
 4 involving a child under the age of 16 that was

5 (A) in violation of AS 11.41;

6 (B) in violation of a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction
 7 with elements similar to a crime under AS 11.41; or

8 (C) an attempt, a solicitation, or a conspiracy to commit a
 9 crime listed in (A) or (B) of this paragraph.

10 * Sec. 3. AS 11.41.130(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) Criminally negligent homicide is a class **B** [C] felony.

12 * Sec. 4. AS 11.41.320(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A person commits the crime of custodial interference in the first degree if
 14 the person violates AS 11.41.330 and causes the child or incompetent person
 15 [VICTIM] to be

16 (1) removed from the state; or

17 (2) kept outside the state.

18 * Sec. 5. AS 12.55.125(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) A defendant convicted of murder in the second degree, attempted murder
 20 in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, kidnapping, or
 21 misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree shall be sentenced to
 22 a definite term of imprisonment of at least five years but not more than 99 years. A
 23 defendant convicted of murder in the second degree shall be sentenced to a
 24 definite term of imprisonment of at least 20 years but not more than 99 years
 25 when the defendant is convicted of the murder of a child under 16 years of age
 26 and the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant (1) was
 27 a legal guardian or a person occupying a position of authority in relation to the
 28 child; or (2) caused the death of the child by committing a crime against a person
 29 under AS 11.41.200 - 11.41.530. In this subsection, "legal guardian" and
 30 "position of authority" have the meanings given in AS 11.41.470.

31 * Sec. 6. AS 12.55.125(c) is amended to read:

1 (c) A defendant convicted of a class A felony may be sentenced to a definite
 2 term of imprisonment of not more than 20 years, and shall be sentenced to the
 3 following presumptive terms, subject to adjustment as provided in AS 12.55.155 -
 4 12.55.175:

5 (1) if the offense is a first felony conviction and does not involve
 6 circumstances described in (2) of this subsection, five years;

7 (2) if the offense is a first felony conviction

8 (A) [,] other than for manslaughter [,] and the defendant
 9 possessed a firearm, used a dangerous instrument, or caused serious physical
 10 injury during the commission of the offense, or knowingly directed the conduct
 11 constituting the offense at a uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace
 12 officer, fire fighter, correctional employee, emergency medical technician,
 13 paramedic, ambulance attendant, or other emergency responder who was
 14 engaged in the performance of official duties at the time of the offense, seven
 15 years;

16 (B) for manslaughter and the victim is a child under the age
 17 of 16, seven years;

18 (3) if the offense is a second felony conviction, 10 years;

19 (4) if the offense is a third felony conviction and the defendant is not
 20 subject to sentencing under (1) of this section, 15 years.

21 * Sec. 7. AS 12.55.125(k) is amended to read:

22 (k) A first felony offender convicted of an offense for which a presumptive
 23 term of imprisonment is not specified under this section

24 (1) may be sentenced to a term of unsuspended imprisonment that
 25 exceeds the presumptive term for a second or third felony offender convicted of
 26 the same crime if the offender is convicted of criminally negligent homicide and
 27 the victim is a child under the age of 16;

28 (2) except as provided in (1) of this subsection, may not be sentenced
 29 to a term of unsuspended imprisonment that exceeds the presumptive term for a second
 30 felony offender convicted of the same crime unless the court finds by clear and
 31 convincing evidence that an aggravating factor under AS 12.55.155(c) is present, or

1 that circumstances exist that would warrant a referral to the three-judge panel under
2 AS 12.55.165.

3 * **Sec. 8.** This Act applies to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
4 However, previous convictions refer to convictions occurring before, on, or after the effective
5 date of this Act.