

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to disclosure of information about certain children; and
2 amending Rule 22, Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.10.092 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) Notwithstanding AS 47.10.090 and 47.10.093, a current or previous foster
6 parent of a child subject to a proceeding under AS 47.10.010 - 47.10.142 may disclose
7 confidential or privileged information about the child, including information that has
8 been lawfully obtained from agency or court files, to the governor, the lieutenant
9 governor, a legislator, the ombudsman appointed under AS 24.55, the attorney general,
10 and the commissioners of health and social services, administration, or public safety,
11 or an employee of these persons, for review or use in their official capacities. The
12 department shall disclose additional confidential or privileged information about the
13 child and make copies of all documents in the file about the child available for
14 inspection to these state officials or employees for review or use in their official

1 capacities upon request of the official or employee and submission of written evidence
2 that a current or previous foster parent of the child has requested the official's
3 assistance in the case as part of the official's duties. A person to whom disclosure is
4 made under this subsection may not disclose confidential or privileged information
5 about the child to a person not authorized to receive it.

6 * **Sec. 2.** COURT RULE. AS 47.10.092(d), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, has the effect
7 of amending Rule 22, Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules, by providing an exception to the
8 confidentiality of information pertaining to certain children.