

**SENATE BILL NO. 206**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/20/00

Referred: HES, Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to disclosure of public assistance information to report suspected  
2 abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.05.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) It is not a violation of (a) of this section for the department, an employee  
6 of the department, or a staff employee of a departmental contractor or grantee to  
7 disclose information concerning a person applying for or receiving public assistance  
8 to (1) the department's division assigned to family and youth services matters if the  
9 employee has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of  
10 child abuse or neglect as defined in AS 47.17.290; or (2) the Department of  
11 Administration's central information and referral service for vulnerable adults if the  
12 employee has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is suffering from  
13 abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect as those terms are defined  
14 in AS 47.24.900. Information provided under this subsection shall remain confidential

**1** and may not be further disclosed except as provided in AS 47.17 and AS 47.24.