

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_

Title FORENSIC INTERVIEWS AND TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN  
 RDU Children's Services  
 Component Front Line Social Workers

Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Requester GOVERNOR Component No. 2305

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The intent of this proposed legislation is to allow the department to transport a child for medical examinations and/or forensic interviews without parental permission in cases where the department has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been physically and/or sexually abused. It is important that forensic interviews of children who appear to have suffered severe physical or sexual abuse be conducted in an appropriate environment that is not threatening to the child. When one or potentially both of the parents are the alleged perpetrators, it is not always possible to obtain parental cooperation to transport children for examinations. Child advocacy centers are facilities that are designed to be safe, neutral places, where children can be interviewed by professionals with special training in these areas. They are also designed to minimize the number of interviews that a child may have to go through in an effort to minimize the trauma as much as possible. We anticipate no fiscal impact.

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