

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/6/08

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to subsidies for a hard-to-place child; relating to criminal sanctions for**
2 **unlawful disclosure of confidential information pertaining to a child; relating to child**
3 **support orders in child-in-need-of-aid and delinquency proceedings; and providing for**
4 **an effective date."**

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

6 *** Section 1.** AS 25.23.210 is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 **Sec. 25.23.210. Amount and duration of subsidy payments.** (a) The
8 department is authorized to adopt regulations to set the amount and length of time that
9 a subsidy for a hard-to-place child may be granted.

10 (b) A subsidy requested under this section may not exceed the existing rate for
11 foster care and may be paid for a specified length of time not to extend after the child's
12 18th birthday.

13 (c) The amount or length of time set by the department for a subsidy for a
14 child may not be changed without the written request or consent of the person caring

1 for the child.

2 (d) Subsidies shall be paid from the same public funds and in the same manner
3 as foster care payments.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.10.092(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) A person who **discloses confidential or privileged information in**
6 **violation of (a)** [VIOLATES A PROVISION] of this section is guilty of a
7 misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by
8 imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

9 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.10.120(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) When a child in need of aid is committed under this chapter, the court **or**
11 **the child support services agency created in AS 25.27.010** shall, after giving the
12 parent a reasonable opportunity to be heard, **require** [ADJUDGE] that the parent pay
13 to the department in a manner that the court **or the child support services agency**
14 directs a sum to cover in full or in part the maintenance and care of the child. The
15 support obligation shall be calculated under Rule 90.3(i) of the Alaska Rules of Civil
16 Procedure.

17 * **Sec. 4.** AS 47.12.230(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) When a delinquent minor is committed under this chapter, the court **or the**
19 **child support services agency created in AS 25.27.010** shall, after giving the parent
20 a reasonable opportunity to be heard, **require** [ADJUDGE] that the parent pay to the
21 department in a manner that the court **or the child support services agency** directs a
22 sum to cover in full or in part the maintenance and care of the minor. The support
23 obligation shall be calculated under Rule 90.3(i) of the Alaska Rules of Civil
24 Procedure.

25 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).