

SENATE BILL NO. 223

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR COGHILL

Introduced: 2/24/20

Referred: Health and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating**
2 **to child protection; and relating to children of active duty military members."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.10.093(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except as permitted in AS 47.10.092, (b) - (g) and (i) - (l) of this section,
6 and AS 47.17.030(g) **and (h)**, all information and social records pertaining to a child
7 who is subject to this chapter or AS 47.17 prepared by or in the possession of a
8 federal, state, or municipal agency or employee in the discharge of the agency's or
9 employee's official duty are privileged and may not be disclosed directly or indirectly
10 to anyone without a court order.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.17.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) If a report of harm concerns a child of a member of the armed forces of the
13 United States who is on active duty, the department shall notify a designated authority
14 at the duty station where the member is assigned that the department has received a

1 report of harm concerning the child. A designated authority that receives information
2 under this subsection may not disclose the information to a person who is not
3 authorized by law to receive it. In this subsection, "designated authority" means a
4 person designated by the armed forces of the United States to receive notification of
5 reports of harm.