

AMENDMENT #5

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSHB 297(HSS)

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 1, line 14, through page 2, line 1:

2 Delete "a designated authority at the duty station where the member is assigned"

3 Insert "the member of the armed forces"

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5 Page 2, lines 2 - 5:

6 Delete "A designated authority that receives information under this subsection may  
7 not disclose the information to a person who is not authorized by law to receive it. In this  
8 subsection, "designated authority" means a person designated by the armed forces of the  
9 United States to receive notification of reports of harm."

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11 Page 2, following line 5:

12 Insert a new bill section to read:

13 **\*\* Sec. 3.** AS 47.17.040(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Investigation reports and reports of harm filed under this chapter are  
15 considered confidential and are not subject to public inspection and copying under  
16 AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120. However, in accordance with department regulations,  
17 investigation reports, including substantiated findings under AS 47.10 or AS 47.17,  
18 may be used by appropriate governmental agencies with child-protection functions,  
19 inside and outside the state, in connection with investigations or judicial proceedings  
20 involving child abuse, neglect, or custody and in conjunction with licensing action  
21 under AS 47.32 or a similar statute in another state. **Nothing in this section prohibits**  
22 **the department from notifying a member of the armed forces of the United States**  
23 **under AS 47.17.030(h) for whom the department has received a report of harm**

1        **concerning the member's child.** A person not acting in accordance with department  
2 regulations who, with criminal negligence, makes public information contained in  
3 confidential reports is guilty of a class B misdemeanor."