

AMENDMENT #6

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 297(HSS)

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 1, following line 10:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Sec. 2.** AS 47.17.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The following persons who, in the performance of their occupational
5 duties, their appointed duties under (8) of this subsection, or their volunteer duties
6 under (9) of this subsection, have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered
7 harm as a result of child abuse or neglect shall immediately report the harm to the
8 nearest office of the department and, if the harm appears to be a result of a suspected
9 sex offense, shall immediately report the harm to the nearest law enforcement agency:

10 (1) practitioners of the healing arts;

11 (2) school teachers and school administrative staff members, including
12 athletic coaches, of public and private schools;

13 (3) peace officers and officers of the Department of Corrections;

14 (4) administrative officers of institutions;

15 (5) child care providers;

16 (6) paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs,
17 and crisis intervention and prevention programs as defined in AS 18.66.990;

18 (7) paid employees of an organization that provides counseling or
19 treatment to individuals seeking to control their use of drugs or alcohol;

20 (8) members of a child fatality review team established under
21 AS 12.65.015(e) or 12.65.120 or the multidisciplinary child protection team created
22 under AS 47.14.300;

23 (9) volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school

1 for more than eight [FOUR] hours a week;

2 (10) juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation office staff, and
3 staff of juvenile detention facilities and juvenile treatment facilities, as those terms are
4 defined in AS 47.12.990."

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6 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.