

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 297(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/28/22

Referred: Health and Social Services

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOPKINS, Nelson

**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, within 15 days of receiving  
14 the report of harm, notify a designated authority at the duty station where the member

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