

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. STEVENS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 275

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing young adult advisory  
7 panels in cases involving the commission of  
8 certain misdemeanors by minors."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 47.10.070 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.10.070. HEARINGS. The court may conduct the  
12 hearing in an informal manner in the courtroom or in chambers.  
13 All hearings under this chapter are without a jury and the  
14 usual rules of evidence do not apply. However, a hearing may  
15 be held before a young adult advisory panel in accordance  
16 with sec. 75 of this chapter. The court shall give notice of  
17 the hearing to the department and it may send a representative  
18 to the hearing. The court shall also transmit a copy of the  
19 petition to the department. The representative of the depart-  
20 ment may also be heard at the hearing. The public shall be  
21 excluded from the hearing, but the court, in its discretion,  
22 may permit individuals to attend a hearing, if their attend-  
23 ance is compatible with the best interests of the minor.

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 47.10.075. YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY PANELS. (a) In  
26 cases which do not involve a felony charge, assault with a  
27 deadly weapon or battery, the court may, and upon request of  
28 the minor shall, select a young adult advisory panel consist-  
29 ing of nine members to hear the case and advise the court of

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a recommended judgment and order. The court may consider any of the panel recommendations in making its judgment and order in the case.

(b) The principal of each high school shall submit annually to the court a list of the students enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12. The names of members of each panel shall be selected at random from a drawing box containing the names of all eligible students in the area.

(c) A student shall be excused from attending school during the time he is serving as a panel member. No student may serve more than once each year on a panel.

(d) A student shall be excused from service as a panel member if he submits a written request to the court indicating the reason he does not wish to serve.