

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the substantive revision  
6 of the criminal law of the state.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE

8 CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS the criminal code of the state, found in Title 11 of  
10 the Alaska Statutes, represents a considerable and vital body of  
11 law which has not undergone substantive revision since it was first  
12 applied to Alaska by the federal government over 60 years ago; and

13 WHEREAS since statehood, the Legislature has accomplished a  
14 bulk formal revision of all the law of the state and has proceeded  
15 with the substantive revision of certain areas of law to make  
16 them compatible with contemporary needs and circumstances; and

17 WHEREAS the criminal code represents a body of law which has  
18 been the subject of patchwork amendments without a comprehensive  
19 review or revision in over two generations and is consequently out  
20 of step with constitutional and social developments of recent  
21 decades;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to  
23 review the criminal code in consultation with governmental and  
24 private agencies and persons concerned with facets of the subject,  
25 and report its findings and recommendations in the form of a  
26 report with a suggested substantive revision in bill form to the  
27 Legislature.

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