

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HARRIS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 557

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to juvenile records."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 47.10.090 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 47.10.090. RECORDS. (a) The court shall make and keep  
10 records of all cases brought before it. The court's official records  
11 may be inspected only with the court's permission and only by persons  
12 having a legitimate interest in them. All information and social  
13 records pertaining to a minor and prepared in the discharge of his  
14 official duty by an employee of the court or by a federal, state or  
15 city agency are privileged and may [SHALL] not be disclosed directly  
16 or indirectly to anyone without the court's permission. However, a  
17 state or city law enforcement agency shall disclose information  
18 regarding a [THE] case which is needed by the person or agency charged  
19 with making a preliminary investigation for the information of the  
20 court. Within 30 days of the date on which a minor reaches his  
21 eighteenth birthday or, if the court retains jurisdiction of a minor  
22 past his eighteenth birthday, within 30 days of the date on which the  
23 court relinquishes jurisdiction over the minor, the court shall order  
24 sealed all the court's official records, information and social records  
25 pertaining to that minor, as well as records of all criminal proceedings  
26 against him and punishments assessed against him, except for traffic  
27 offenses. No person may use records so sealed for any purpose except  
28 that the court may order their use for good cause shown or may order  
29 their use by an officer of the court in making a presentencing report

1 for the court.

2 (b) The name or picture of a minor under the jurisdiction of the  
3 court may not be made public by a newspaper, radio, or television  
4 station in connection with the minor's status as a delinquent or  
5 dependent child, except as authorized by order of the court.

6 (c) A person who violates a [THIS] provision of this section  
7 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a  
8 fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than one  
9 year, or by both.

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

11 Sec. 47.10.095. ARREST OF A MINOR. The arrest of a minor other  
12 than for a traffic offense is not considered an arrest for any purpose  
13 except for the purpose of the disposition of a proceeding arising out  
14 of that arrest.