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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 *CS SS* HOUSE BILL NO. 432

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to child abuse counseling centers; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.17.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.17.010. PURPOSE. In order to protect children whose health
11 and well-being may be adversely affected through the infliction, by other
12 than accidental means, of harm through physical abuse or neglect requir-
13 ing the attention of a practitioner of the healing arts, the legislature
14 requires the reporting of these cases by practitioners and others to the
15 appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that,
16 as a result of these reports, protective services will be made available
17 in an effort to prevent further harm to the child, to safeguard and
18 enhance the general well-being of the children in this state, and to
19 preserve family life whenever possible. It is also the intent of the
20 legislature to establish child abuse counseling and information centers
21 to help parents who have abused their children and to help prevent
22 future harm to children in the state.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 47.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 47.17.065. COUNSELING AND INFORMATION CENTERS. The department
25 shall establish counseling centers throughout the state which shall
26 provide professional counseling services to parents. The centers shall
27 also provide information to parents and the community concerning the
28 problems of child abuse and the help available in the state for abused
29 children and their families.

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.