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1 IN THE SENATE

BY CHANCE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 371 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.17.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (e) In all actions taken by the department or a health and social
11 services agency of a local government under this chapter, the child
12 shall be represented by a guardian ad litem.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 47.17.040(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Investigation reports and reports of harm filed under this
15 chapter are considered confidential and are not subject to public in-
16 spection and copying under AS 09.25.110 and 09.25.120. However, in
17 accordance with department regulations, investigation reports may be
18 used by appropriate governmental agencies with child-protection
19 functions, inside and outside Alaska, in connection with investigations
20 or judicial proceedings involving child abuse, neglect, or custody. A
21 person, not acting in accordance with department regulations, who makes
22 public information contained in confidential reports is guilty of a
23 misdemeanor.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 47.17.070(1) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

25 (1) "child abuse or neglect" means the physical injury,
26 sexual abuse, or maltreatment of a child under the age of eighteen by a
27 person who is responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances
28 which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or
29 threatened thereby.

1 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
2 070(c).

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