

Original sponsor: Chance

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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 371

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 that result in
12 a judicial proceeding, the child shall be represented by a guardian ad
13 litem in that proceeding.

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

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

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 AS 47.17.070(1) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

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

1 threatened thereby.

2 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
3 070(c).

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