

Introduced: 2/16/76  
Referred: Health, Education  
and Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY CHANCE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 653 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 concerning the philosophy of the Department of  
7 Health and Social Services' approach to treating  
8 children."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 47.10.280 is repealed.

11 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 47.05.060. PURPOSE AND POLICY RELATING TO CHILDREN. The  
13 purpose of this title as it relates to children is to secure for each  
14 child the care and guidance, preferably in his own home, that will serve  
15 the moral, emotional, mental, and physical welfare of the child and the  
16 best interests of the community; to preserve and strengthen the child's  
17 family ties whenever possible, removing him from the custody of his  
18 parents only as a last resort when his welfare or safety or the  
19 protection of the public cannot be adequately safeguarded without  
20 removal; and, when the child is removed from his family, to secure  
21 for him adequate custody and care.