

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 592

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing that the parents of delinquent  
7 minors and children in need of aid have the right to  
8 counsel in certain proceedings under AS 47.10."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 47.10.145. PARENTS' RIGHT TO COUNSEL. (a) In a proceeding  
12 under this chapter to terminate parental rights, to transfer custody,  
13 or to appoint a person other than the parent of a child as guardian of  
14 the child, the parent of the child has the right to counsel.

15 (b) If the court finds that the parent is unable to afford the  
16 services of counsel for a proceeding listed in (a) of this section, the  
17 court shall appoint counsel to represent the parent at public expense.  
18 As a condition of receiving the services of counsel at public expense,  
19 the parent shall execute a general waiver authorizing the release of  
20 information concerning the parent's income to the court.

21 (c) Counsel appointed by the court under this section shall be  
22 compensated as provided in Rule 15 of the Rules Governing the Adminis-  
23 tration of All Courts.

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