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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 592 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

12 Sec. 47.10.145. PARENTS' RIGHT TO COUNSEL. (a) In a proceeding
13 under this chapter to terminate parental rights the parent of the child
14 has the right to counsel.

15 (b) If the court finds that the parent is unable to afford the
16 services of counsel allowed under (a) of this section, the court shall
17 appoint counsel to represent the parent at public expense. As a condi-
18 tion of receiving the services of counsel at public expense, the parent
19 shall execute a general waiver authorizing the release of information
20 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.