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1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to sexual assault investigations."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 68. SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS.

10 Sec. 18.68.010. SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KIT. (a) The De-
11 partment of Public Safety and the Department of Law shall develop a
12 uniform sexual assault examination kit.

13 (b) Under protocols developed under AS 18.68.020

14 (1) the Department of Public Safety shall distribute the
15 kits throughout the state; and

16 (2) peace officers and health care providers shall use the
17 kits for the gathering of evidence in cases of suspected sexual as-
18 sault.

19 (c) The appropriate person under the protocols developed under
20 AS 18.68.020 shall provide a sexual assault examination kit at no
21 charge to an alleged victim of a sexual assault.

22 Sec. 18.68.020. SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS PROTOCOLS. (a)
23 The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Law in conjunc-
24 tion with the Department of Health and Social Services shall develop a
25 manual of protocols governing the distribution and use of the sexual
26 assault examination kit developed under AS 18.68.010.

27 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall distribute copies of
28 the protocol manual developed under this section to the appropriate
29 peace officers and health care providers in the state.

1 Sec. 18.68.030. TRAINING IN PROTOCOLS AND SEXUAL EXAMINATION
2 KITS. The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Law shall
3 develop and implement training in the use of the protocols and the
4 sexual assault examination kits for peace officers, district attor-
5 neys, and appropriate law enforcement agencies, health care providers,
6 and sexual assault program personnel.