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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 541

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 child support enforcement and the
7 reporting of payment information on delinquent obli-
8 gors to credit bureaus or lending institutions; and
9 providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature finds that the hard-
12 ship experienced by children in families that may rely on support from a
13 noncustodial parent should not be a necessary condition that must be en-
14 dured by those families. Statutory tools have been provided to enable the
15 child support enforcement agency to collect unpaid child support owed by a
16 parent, including the authority to order an employer to withhold and de-
17 liver part of an employee's earnings. This tool, however, is not usable
18 against a self-employed parent who owes child support. The legislature
19 finds that if delinquency in making child support payments could be re-
20 flected in a person's credit history, an effective collection and deterrent
21 tool would exist -- a tool that would be effective against those self-
22 employed parents who owe child support.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 47.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 47.23.273. REPORTING OF PAYMENT INFORMATION CONCERNING
25 DELINQUENT OBLIGORS. (a) The agency may provide to credit bureaus,
26 or lending institutions of any kind, information about delinquent
27 child support owed by obligors. The agency may provide only the
28 payment history of the obligor and only for a period not to exceed 10
29 years before the date the information is provided.

1 (b) Upon an obligor's payment of delinquent child support, the
2 agency immediately shall notify all credit bureaus and lending insti-
3 tutions that were furnished information about the obligor under (a) of
4 this section that the obligor is no longer delinquent.

5 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
6 10.070(c).