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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 205

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to minors charged with felonies; and  
7 amending the children's proceedings waiver provi-  
8 sions."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 12.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 12.05.020. JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN MINORS CHARGED WITH  
12 SERIOUS FELONIES. (a) A person 16 or 17 years of age who is charged  
13 with an offense designated as an unclassified felony shall be prose-  
14 cuted as an adult.

15 (b) If the court has waived children's court jurisdiction over a  
16 person under the age of 18 under AS 47.10.060, that person shall be  
17 prosecuted as an adult.

18 (c) Unless referred to children's court for disposition after a  
19 hearing under AS 12.55.007(b), a person who has been convicted of an  
20 offense after being prosecuted as an adult under this section shall be  
21 prosecuted as an adult for any subsequent criminal offense.

22 (d) References in this section to a person's age refer to the  
23 person's age at the time of the offense.

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 12.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 12.55.007. SENTENCING OF CERTAIN MINORS. (a) A person  
26 subject to the jurisdiction of the court under AS 12.05.020 who is  
27 convicted of the offense charged or of any lesser included offense  
28 shall be sentenced under the provisions of this chapter, unless re-  
29ferred to children's court for disposition after a hearing under (b)

1 of this section.

2 (b) A person subject to the jurisdiction of the court under  
3 AS 12.05.020 who is convicted of an offense that is not an unclas-  
4 sified felony, and that is lesser than the offense for which chil-  
5 dren's court jurisdiction was waived, may petition the court to dis-  
6 pose of the offense under AS 47.10.080. The petition for disposition  
7 under AS 47.10.080 shall be filed with the court, with a copy to the  
8 prosecutor, not less than 30 days before the time set for imposition  
9 of sentence. The petition shall state the reasons why disposition  
10 under AS 47.10.080 is appropriate. The court shall hold a hearing on  
11 the petition. The court may order disposition under AS 47.10.080 if  
12 the court finds that the petitioner has proven, by a preponderance of  
13 the evidence, that there is a substantial likelihood that the peti-  
14 tioner can be successfully rehabilitated under the children's court  
15 system. In determining the likelihood of successful rehabilitation  
16 under children's court proceedings, the court shall consider the  
17 factors set out in AS 47.10.060(b), and comply with AS 47.10.060(c).

18 \* Sec. 3. AS 12.55.125 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a  
20 person convicted of a first felony offense while under the jurisdic-  
21 tion of the court under AS 12.05.020 is not subject to the mandatory  
22 minimum and presumptive sentences required for first offenders.

23 \* Sec. 4. AS 12.55.145 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (f) If a person subject to the jurisdiction of the court under  
25 AS 12.05.020 is convicted of a felony offense, the conviction is to be  
26 considered a prior conviction for presumptive sentencing purposes in  
27 subsequent offenses.

28 \* Sec. 5. AS 12.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

29 Sec. 12.80.060. CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN MINORS. (a) A person 16

1 or 17 years of age who is charged with an unclassified felony and who  
2 is held in custody shall be confined in a facility for juvenile of-  
3 fenders until indicted for, held to answer following a preliminary  
4 hearing on, or charged by complaint or information following a waiver  
5 of indictment for an unclassified felony offense. Following indict-  
6 ment, preliminary hearing, or waiver of indictment, the person, if  
7 held in custody, shall be confined in a facility for adult offenders.

8 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, a person under 18  
9 years of age, who is held in custody for an offense that would be a  
10 crime if committed by an adult, shall be confined to a facility for  
11 juvenile offenders unless children's court jurisdiction over the  
12 person has been waived under AS 47.10.060, and the person has been  
13 indicted for, held to answer following a preliminary hearing on, or  
14 charged by complaint or information following a waiver of indictment  
15 for a felony offense. Following indictment, preliminary hearing, or  
16 waiver of indictment, the person, if held in custody, shall be con-  
17 fined to a facility for adult offenders.

18 (c) If a person under 18 years of age who is subject to the  
19 jurisdiction of the court under AS 12.05.020 is confined to custody  
20 while awaiting sentencing, or is sentenced to a period of incarcera-  
21 tion upon conviction, the person shall be committed to the custody of  
22 the Department of Health and Social Services for confinement in a  
23 correctional facility for adult offenders. The department shall  
24 provide a person confined to custody in an adult facility under this  
25 section with sleeping quarters that are separate from the sleeping  
26 quarters for adult offenders until the person reaches 18 years of age.

27 \* Sec. 6. AS 47.10.010(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and AS 12.05.-  
29 020, AS 12.55.007, and AS 12.80.060, proceedings [PROCEEDINGS]

1 relating to a minor under 18 years of age residing or found in the  
2 state are governed by this chapter [, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
3 THIS CHAPTER,] when the court finds the minor

4 (1) to be a delinquent minor as a result of violating a  
5 criminal law of the state or of a municipality of the state; or

6 (2) to be a child in need of aid as a result of

7 (A) the child being habitually absent from home or  
8 refusing to accept available care, or having no parent, guardian,  
9 custodian or relative caring or willing to provide care, includ-  
10 ing physical abandonment by

11 (i) both parents,

12 (ii) the surviving parent, or

13 (iii) one parent if the other parent's rights and  
14 responsibilities have been terminated under AS 47.10.080 or  
15 voluntarily relinquished;

16 (B) the child being in need of medical treatment to  
17 cure, alleviate, or prevent substantial physical harm, or mental  
18 harm as evidenced by failure to thrive, severe anxiety, de-  
19 pression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior or hostili-  
20 ty toward others, and the child's parents are unwilling to pro-  
21 vide the medical treatment;

22 (C) the child having suffered substantial physical  
23 harm or if there is an imminent and substantial risk that the  
24 child will suffer such harm as a result of the actions done by or  
25 conditions created by the child's parent, guardian or custodian  
26 or the failure of the parent, guardian or custodian adequately to  
27 supervise the child;

28 (D) the child having been sexually abused either by  
29 the child's parent, guardian or custodian, or as a result of

1 conditions created by the child's parent, guardian or custodian,  
2 or by the failure of the parent, guardian or custodian adequately  
3 to supervise the child;

4 (E) the child committing delinquent acts as a result  
5 of pressure, guidance, or approval from the child's parents,  
6 guardian or custodian;

7 (F) the child having suffered substantial physical  
8 abuse or neglect as a result of conditions created by the child's  
9 parent, guardian or custodian.

10 \* Sec. 7. AS 47.10.060 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 47.10.060. WAIVER OF JURISDICTION. (a) Upon motion of the  
12 prosecutor, and after a hearing, the court shall waive children's  
13 court jurisdiction over a person under 18 years of age if the court  
14 finds, based upon the preponderance of the evidence,

15 (1) that there is probable cause to believe that the person  
16 has committed an offense which would be a felony if committed by an  
17 adult; and

18 (2) that there is no substantial likelihood that the person  
19 can be successfully rehabilitated under children's court proceedings.

20 (b) In determining the likelihood of successful rehabilitation  
21 under children's court proceedings, the court shall consider

22 (1) the seriousness of the offense;

23 (2) whether the offense constituted a substantial danger to  
24 the public;

25 (3) whether the offense was committed in an aggressive,  
26 violent, premeditated, or willful manner;

27 (4) the person's role in the commission of the offense;

28 (5) whether the offense is part of a repetitive pattern of  
29 delinquent acts, even though previous offenses may have been less

1 serious;

2 (6) the age, maturity, intellectual capacity, educational  
3 background, physical and mental health, and degree of criminal sophis-  
4 tication of the person;

5 (7) the success of any previous attempts to rehabilitate  
6 the person;

7 (8) the person's exhibited or expressed attitudes toward  
8 the victims of the crime, the authorities, society, and self;

9 (9) whether children's court jurisdiction over the person  
10 can be retained long enough to allow for effective treatment or reha-  
11 bilitation;

12 (10) the treatment resources available under children's  
13 court proceedings; and

14 (11) whether the protection of the community requires iso-  
15 lation of the person beyond that afforded by juvenile facilities.

16 (c) The court shall determine the weight to be given to each of  
17 the factors listed in (b) of this section and shall issue a written  
18 decision. A finding that there is no substantial likelihood of suc-  
19 cessful rehabilitation of the person under children's court proceed-  
20 ings may be based on any one or a combination of the factors. If the  
21 court waives children's court jurisdiction over a person, the court  
22 shall order the children's court proceeding closed and the person  
23 shall then be prosecuted as an adult.

24 (d) In this section, "waive children's court jurisdiction" means  
25 to order the transfer of a case from a court having jurisdiction over  
26 a person who was a minor at the time of the offense to a court that  
27 would have had jurisdiction if the person had been an adult at the  
28 time of the offense. A waiver of children's court jurisdiction in-  
29 cludes the offense charged, lesser included offenses, and other

1 related offenses.