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Referred: Health, Education and  
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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 471

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the abuse and neglect of chil-  
7 dren."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 47.17.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
10 read:

11 (c) A person listed in (a) of this section, who in the perfor-  
12 mance of the person's occupational duties has cause to believe that a  
13 child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect, shall prompt-  
14 ly report the harm to the nearest law enforcement agency if the person  
15 making the report (1) has cause to believe that the harm was caused by  
16 a person who is not responsible for the child's welfare; or (2) is  
17 unable to determine (A) who caused the harm to the child or (B)  
18 whether the person who is believed to have caused the harm has respon-  
19 sibility for the child's welfare. If a person making a report under  
20 this subsection cannot reasonably contact the nearest law enforcement  
21 agency, and immediate action appears necessary for the well-being of  
22 the child, the person shall make the report to the nearest office of  
23 the department. The department shall take immediate action to protect  
24 the child and shall, at the earliest opportunity, notify the nearest  
25 law enforcement agency.

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