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1 IN THE HOUSE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 497 (HESS)
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 custody, support, visitation, and
7 birth certificates of children."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. AS 25.20.060(a) is amended to read:
10 (a) In a case involving [IF THERE IS A DISPUTE OVER] child
11 custody, either parent may petition the superior court for resolution
12 of the matter under AS 25.20.060 - 25.20.130. The court shall award
13 custody on the basis of the best interests of the child in either a
14 disputed or undisputed case. In determining the best interests of the
15 child, the court shall examine the agreements between the parents
16 regarding custody to ensure that the agreements are in the best
17 interests of the child and that neither parent has been subjected to
18 duress or coercion to accept the agreements. The court may approve
19 agreements that are in writing and filed with the court or that are
20 made orally on the record and subsequently set out in full in the
21 court order or decree. If the court finds the custody agreement is
22 not in the child's best interest, the court shall
23 (1) disapprove the agreement in whole or in part and set
24 out the reasons for disapproval on the record or in a written decis-
25 ion;
26 (2) solicit all relevant information regarding [CONSIDER]
27 all relevant factors including those factors enumerated in AS 25.24.-
28 150(c); and
29 (3) enter an appropriate child custody order.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 25.20.060 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

2 (d) The court may award visitation to a grandparent or another
3 person if visitation is in the best interest of the child.

4 (e) The court may award child support in an appropriate case,
5 whether custody is sole or shared.

6 (f) In awarding custody, the court shall consider only those
7 factors that directly affect the well-being of the child.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 25.20.100 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 25.20.100. [DENIAL OF] SHARED CHILD CUSTODY. If a parent
10 or the guardian ad litem requests shared custody of a child and the
11 court awards or denies the request, the reasons for the award or
12 denial must [SHALL] be stated on the record, including the court's
13 reasoning on each of the factors enumerated in AS 25.24.150(c).

14 * Sec. 4. AS 18.50.160(f) is repealed.

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