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SENATE BILL NO. 219

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a special unit for the investi-
7 gation of criminally exploited and missing children;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that there
11 exists an increasing escalation of crime committed by and against children
12 and that delinquent acts are frequently the result of criminal and sexual
13 exploitation of children. There exists a need to establish a cooperative
14 local, state, and federal effort to combat the incidents of multiple child
15 sexual abuse, child pornography, prostitution, drug sales and use, and the
16 involvement of children in organized burglary and larceny offenses.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read: •

18 Sec. 18.65.086. CRIMINALLY EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILDREN IN-
19 VESTIGATIVE UNIT. (a) There is established in the Department of
20 Public Safety, division of state troopers, a special unit for the
21 purpose of investigating incidents of missing children and the crimi-
22 nal exploitation of children.

23 (b) The commissioner of public safety shall annually submit to
24 the legislature, within 30 days from the date the legislature con-
25 venes, a report concerning the activities of the special unit on
26 criminal exploitation of children and missing children. The report
27 shall include, but is not limited to, the number of arrests made in
28 cases of child exploitation, the number of missing children reports
29 investigated and solved, the number of investigations resulting in the

1 Department of Health and Social Services taking temporary or permanent
2 custody of the child, the sentences received by persons convicted of
3 child exploitation and an overall view of the missing children and
4 child exploitation problem in the state.

5 (c) In this section

6 (1) "child" means a person under 18 years of age;

7 (2) "criminal exploitation of children" means the use of a
8 child by an adult in a criminal manner for the personal gratification
9 or profit of the adult.

10 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.