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SENATE BILL NO. 332

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to records of missing children; and

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to records of certain children enrolled or transfer-

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red as students."

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

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* Section 1. AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 9. RECORDS OF CERTAIN MISSING, ENROLLED,

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OR TRANSFERRED CHILDREN.

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Sec. 14.30.700. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN. Upon notification

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by the Department of Public Safety of a child's disappearance, a

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school in which the child is currently or was previously enrolled

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shall flag the school record of that child in a manner that, when a

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copy or information regarding the record is requested, the school

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shall be alerted to the fact that the record is that of a missing

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child. The school shall immediately report to the Department of

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Public Safety a request regarding flagged records, including any

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knowledge as to the whereabouts of the child. Upon notification by

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the Department of Public Safety that the person who was listed as a

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missing child has been found, the school shall remove the flag from

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the person's record.

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Sec. 14.30.710. REQUIRED RECORDS UPON ENROLLMENT OR TRANSFER.

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(a) Upon enrollment of a child for the first time in an elementary or

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secondary school in the state, the school shall require submission

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within 30 days after enrollment of a certified copy of the child's

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birth certificate. If a person enrolling a child fails to comply with

1 this subsection, the school shall immediately notify the Department of
2 Public Safety and shall also provide written notice to the person
3 enrolling the student that, unless compliance occurs within 10 days,
4 the noncompliance will be referred to the Department of Public Safety.

5 (b) Within 14 days after enrolling a child as a transfer student
6 from this or another state in an elementary or secondary school, the
7 school shall request directly from the child's previous school a
8 certified copy of the child's record. An elementary or secondary
9 school in this state requested to forward a copy of a transferring
10 child's record to another school shall comply with the request within
11 10 days after receiving the request unless the record has been flagged
12 under AS 14.30.700. A school may not forward a copy of a flagged
13 record and shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the re-
14 quest.

15 Sec. 14.30.720. DEFINITION. In AS 14.30.700 - 14.30.720,
16 "child" means a person who is under 18 years of age.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 18.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 18.50.315. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN. (a) Upon receiv-
19 ing notification by the Department of Public Safety that a child born
20 in this state is missing, the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall flag
21 the birth certificate record of the missing child in a manner that
22 alerts the bureau to the fact that the record is that of a missing
23 child when a copy of that birth certificate or information regarding
24 that birth certificate is requested. Upon notification by the depart-
25 ment that the person who was listed as a missing child has been found,
26 the bureau shall remove the flag from the person's birth certificate
27 record.

28 (b) The bureau may not provide a copy of a birth certificate or
29 information concerning the birth record of a person whose record is

1 flagged under (a) of this section, except as provided in this section.

2 (c) When a copy of a flagged birth certificate is requested, the
3 bureau shall immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. If a
4 flagged record is requested in person, the bureau shall record the
5 name, address, telephone number, and social security number and shall
6 photocopy the driver's license of the person making the request. The
7 bureau may only provide a copy of the requested birth certificate by
8 mail.

9 (d) In this section, "child" means a person under 18 years of
10 age.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 47.10.141 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) Upon receiving a report of a missing minor born in this
13 state, the Department of Public Safety shall notify the Bureau of
14 Vital Statistics of the disappearance and shall provide the bureau
15 with a description of the missing minor. If the Department of Public
16 Safety has reason to believe that a missing minor, whether born in
17 this state or not, has been enrolled in a specific school in the
18 state, the department shall also notify the last known school attended
19 by the missing minor of the disappearance. When a person who was
20 listed as a missing minor is found, the Department of Public Safety
21 shall notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics and any school previously
22 informed of the person's disappearance.