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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 332 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to records of missing children; and
7 to records of certain children transferred as stu-
8 dents."

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

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

11 ARTICLE 9. RECORDS OF CERTAIN MISSING OR TRANSFERRED CHILDREN.

12 Sec. 14.30.700. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN. Upon notification
13 by the Department of Public Safety of a child's disappearance, a
14 school or school district in which the child is currently or was
15 previously enrolled shall flag the school record of that child in a
16 manner that, when a copy or information regarding the record is re-
17 quested, the school or school district shall be alerted to the fact
18 that the record is that of a missing child. The school or school
19 district shall immediately report to the Department of Public Safety a
20 request regarding flagged records, including any knowledge as to the
21 whereabouts of the child. Upon notification by the Department of
22 Public Safety that the person who was listed as a missing child has
23 been found, the school or school district shall remove the flag from
24 the person's record.

25 Sec. 14.30.710. REQUIRED RECORDS UPON TRANSFER. Within 14 days
26 after enrolling a child as a transfer student from this or another
27 state in an elementary or secondary school, the school or school
28 district shall request directly from the child's previous school a
29 certified copy of the child's record. An elementary or secondary

1 school or a school district in this state requested to forward a copy
2 of a transferring child's record to another school shall comply with
3 the request within 10 days after receiving the request unless the
4 record has been flagged under AS 14.30.700. Upon receipt of a request
5 for a record that has been flagged, the school or school district
6 shall immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. Unless
7 directed to do so by the Department of Public Safety, a school or a
8 school district may not forward a copy of a flagged record.

9 Sec. 14.30.720. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.30.700 - 14.30.720,

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

11 (2) "school district" means a municipal school district or
12 a regional educational attendance area.

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

14 Sec. 18.50.315. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN. (a) Upon receiv-
15 ing notification by the Department of Public Safety or another law
16 enforcement agency that a child born in this state is missing, the
17 Bureau of Vital Statistics shall flag the birth certificate record of
18 the missing child in a manner that alerts the bureau to the fact that
19 the record is that of a missing child when a copy of that birth certi-
20 ficate or information regarding that birth certificate is requested.
21 Upon notification by the department that the person who was listed as
22 a missing child has been found, the bureau shall remove the flag from
23 the person's birth certificate record.

24 (b) The bureau may not provide a copy of a birth certificate or
25 information concerning the birth record of a person whose record is
26 flagged under (a) of this section, except as provided in this section.

27 (c) When a copy of a flagged birth certificate is requested, the
28 bureau shall immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. If a
29 flagged record is requested in person, the bureau shall record the

1 name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request.
2 The bureau may only provide a copy of the requested birth certificate
3 by mail.

4 (d) In this section,

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

6 (2) "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in
7 AS 12.36.090.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 47.10.141 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (d) If, after investigation of a report of a missing minor, a
10 law enforcement agency has reason to believe that the minor is invol-
11 untarily absent from the custody of a custodial parent or guardian,
12 the department shall notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the
13 disappearance and shall provide the bureau with a description of the
14 minor. The description of the minor must include, if known, the
15 minor's full name, date and place of birth, parent's names, and
16 mother's maiden name. If the Department of Public Safety has reason
17 to believe that the minor, whether born in this state or not, has been
18 enrolled in a specific school or school district in the state, the
19 department shall also notify the last known school or school district
20 attended in the state by the missing minor of the disappearance. When
21 a person who was listed as a missing minor is found, the Department of
22 Public Safety shall notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics and any
23 school or school district previously informed of the person's disap-
24 pearance.

25 (e) In this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning
26 given in AS 12.36.090.