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SENATE BILL NO. 408

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring health care providers to report
7 cases of fetal alcohol syndrome."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 18.05.048. REPORTS OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME. (a) A
11 physician, nurse, or other health care professional who treats a child
12 with fetal alcohol syndrome shall report the child's condition to the
13 department orally or on a form provided by the department promptly
14 after first discovering or suspecting the existence of the condition.
15 Each report must give the name, address, age, sex, and race of the
16 child diagnosed as having the condition, and the name and address of
17 the health care professional making the report.

18 (b) Written reports made under this section and transcriptions
19 of oral reports made under this section are confidential and are not
20 subject to public inspection or copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.-
21 120.

22 (c) The commissioner shall annually report to the legislature by
23 January 31 concerning the incidence of fetal alcohol syndrome in the
24 state as reported under this section. The report may not include
25 personally identifying information, but must include the geographical
26 distribution of the condition and any other information considered
27 important by the commissioner.

28 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement this
29 section.