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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 408 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring health care providers to report
7 cases of fetal alcohol syndrome; and relating to
8 reports by the Department of Health and Social Ser-
9 vices concerning common diseases of public health
10 significance."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 18.05.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to
13 read:

14 (b) The report required under (a) of this section must include a
15 description of the geographical distribution of incidences of common
16 diseases of public health significance reported to the department
17 under regulations adopted to implement AS 18.05.040(a)(1).

18 * Sec. 2. AS 18.05.044(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) The information shall be furnished on forms prescribed by
20 the department, but no person with an impairment or the parent or
21 guardian of a person with an impairment may be compelled to furnish or
22 consent to furnishing information requested for the case registry. A
23 private or governmental organization, institution, or individual may
24 not furnish information to the registry without the written consent of
25 the person with the impairment or the parent or guardian of that
26 person. This subsection does not apply to reports of fetal alcohol
27 syndrome required under AS 18.05.048.

28 * Sec. 3. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

29 Sec. 18.05.048. REPORTS OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME. (a) A

1 physician, nurse, or other health care professional who treats a child
2 with fetal alcohol syndrome shall report the child's condition to the
3 department orally or on a form provided by the department promptly
4 after first discovering or suspecting the existence of the condition.
5 Each report must give the birth date, geographical area of residence,
6 sex, and race of the child diagnosed as having the condition, and the
7 name and address of the health care professional making the report.

8 (b) Written reports made under this section and transcriptions
9 of oral reports made under this section are confidential and are not
10 subject to public inspection or copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.-
11 120.

12 (c) The commissioner shall annually report to the legislature by
13 January 31 concerning the incidence of fetal alcohol syndrome in the
14 state as reported under this section. The report may not include
15 personally identifying information, but must include the geographical
16 distribution of the condition and any other information considered
17 important by the commissioner.

18 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement this
19 section.