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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

FINANCE

1/14/85

Date 1-21-85

Mr. President

The Committee on HESS considered SB 27

special appropriation for a Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, for a training program on the prevention, intervention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors; *etd.*

and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for _____
- new title
- same title and recommends _____
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT" [] NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Charles J. ...

Butler ...
Chairman

Do Pass
Chairman recommendation

POSITION PAPER

FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27 (HESS)

For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, for a training program on the prevention, intervention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors; and providing for an effective date."

This bill would appropriate \$235,900 from the general fund to Public Safety, The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to train teams of community professionals, including but not limited to, law enforcement officials, prosecuting attorneys, victim advocates, social workers, teachers and medical personnel on the prevention, intervention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors.

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Family and Youth Services supports the concept of SB 27, but would have it amended to read: "An act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Family and Youth Services for an expanded training program on identification, intervention, investigation and treatment of physical and sexual abuse and neglect of minors.

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES, MANDATED TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Family and Youth Services is mandated by law to provide protection for children from child abuse (physical and sexual) and neglect.

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES HAS ESTABLISHED TRAINING PROGRAM

The Division has the responsibility to set standards for and provide training to staff and the community in the prevention, identification, intervention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The Division has an established training program which provides for coordination, networking and training of teams and groups of community professionals. From July 1, 1983 to September 30, 1984, the Division of Family and Youth Services trained 1,156 persons, 688 of which were community professionals and 468 Division staff. This training involved networking of the community to deal with all problems of child abuse

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and neglect and child sexual abuse. Specifically, during the same period, sexual abuse training was provided by the Division to 996 persons, 351 of whom were staff and 635 community professionals.

In looking at the total child abuse population in FY 83, of 5,574 reports, 63.7% were cases of neglect, 26.7% were of physical abuse and 11% child sexual abuse. The focus of the training needs to be broad based and not limited. The Division of Family and Youth Services has experts on staff who train in all areas and they also have knowledge of and established relationships with community representatives with specialties. The staff of Family and Youth Services have highly qualified professionals and staff trainers, many with masters degrees in the field. Therefore the need to contract for expert training is very limited.

RURAL SOUTHEAST PILOT PROJECT TO PROTECT CHILDREN

The Division of Family of Youth Services in a pilot project in Southeast Alaska spent \$150,000 in FY 84 developing and training child protection teams in seventeen communities. The teams lead by the Family and Youth Services Social Workers were comprised of persons in the community who could coordinate an approach to prevention, intervention, investigation, and treatment of all forms of child abuse and neglect. These teams which are still functioning included representatives of law enforcement, domestic violence, health professionals, school personnel, and treatment persons.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Division of Family and Health Services has developed comprehensive public awareness materials, translated into different native Alaska dialects, which will be utilized in training the general public, school personnel, medical personnel, mental health professionals, early childhood personnel, and community human services providers.

ESTABLISHED PROTOCOLS CAN BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Division of Family and Youth Services' efforts to increase coordination have included development of local inter-agency protocols for intervening in cases of child sexual abuse, and participation in development of statewide protocols. The Division hopes to expand this in the future to include protocols for intervening in physical abuse and neglect cases as well. Training for those mandated to intervene directly in child abuse and neglect cases will be vital to effective implementation of these protocols. Training of others who have less direct involvement in intervention or who are engaged in prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect will be an important adjunct.

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SUMMARY

With the mandate and authority to intervene in child abuse cases and experience with the range of such cases, the Division of Family and Youth Services has had the opportunity to develop the special expertise essential to implementing such an important training program. This training program could be readily incorporated into the Division's on-going training efforts thereby avoiding duplication of effort, particularly in the administrative area, and ensuring a well coordinated overall training effort.

An alternative approach to the bill would be to provide additional funding to the existing training program of the Division of Family and Youth Services to expand its ability to reach an even broader number of persons.

POSITION

Support the bill - if amended to designate the Division of Family and Youth Services to coordinate training. However, the Department is not requesting a substantial funding increase to the Governor's Budget. As the bill reads now, it has no fiscal impact on the Department. If amended to designate the Department as the coordinating agency, a fiscal note will be prepared.

ATTACHMENTS

Child Abuse and Neglect In Alaska Report to Governor Bill Sheffield. Training Report, Division of Family and Youth Services July 1, 1983 to September 30, 1984.

RECOMMENDED:

Michael L. Price
Michael L. Price, Director
Division of Family
and Youth Services

DATE: _____

APPROVED:

John R. Pugh
John R. Pugh, Commissioner
Department of Health
and Social Services

DATE: 1/17/85

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 27
 Title: An Act....training....abuse
of minors
 Sponsor: Sen. Faiks
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: 1/16/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected: _____
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
Program Services, Social Services, Youth
Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-					
PART-TIME	-0-					
TEMPORARY	-0-					

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

N/A

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 Division: Family and Youth Services Date: 1/16/85

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____ *JCC*
 Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POSITION PAPER

SB 27

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, for a training program on the prevention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors."

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (hereafter referred to as Council) supports SB 27. This legislation would enable the state to develop core child response teams in different communities. The Council supports a coordinated approach because it is more sensitive to victims' needs, improves investigations and maximizes the use of limited resources.

The Council consists of seven members, including representatives from the Departments of Law, Public Safety, Health and Social Services and Education and three public members, and is therefore an appropriate agency to develop a coordinated approach. The Council would use a team of employees from the four departments represented on the Council plus Council staff to develop and monitor the project.

Cases of child abuse are very complicated because of the need to balance protection and support of the victim and her/his family with society's and the criminal justice system's need to prosecute the offender. Most professionals, including peace officers, are required by law to report to the Division of Family and Youth Services if they believe a "child has suffered harm as a result of abuse". Family and Youth Services is required to take action to prevent further harm to the child or to insure the proper care and protection of the child. Family and Youth Services reports the alleged abuse to the District Attorney and the police. There is then potential for all three agencies to carry out investigations which will require interviewing the victim.

Since the topic is so sensitive and young children need to be treated differently than adults, investigations must be done carefully and be coordinated. It is crucial that agency professionals are trained specifically in working with child victims. The team concept is accepted nationally as an effective and sensitive model and Governor Sheffield signed a child sexual assault agreement in September, 1984 that promotes coordination in child sexual assault cases between state agencies.

It is also important that school and day care personnel be trained because children often disclose to their teachers or day care providers that they are victims. These personnel should be knowledgeable about legal reporting requirements, physical and behavioral symptoms of child abuse and how to respond to children that disclose abuse. Eighteen community based programs funded by the Council work with child sexual assault victims directly, conduct prevention/education programs in the schools and communities and/or are involved in child sexual assault coordination efforts. Domestic violence/sexual assault, child abuse, and mental health staff would also be appropriate representatives on teams.

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 27
 Title: "...training program on...
 abuse of minors..."
 Sponsor: Faiks
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Public Safety
 Program Category Affected: _____
Administration of Justice
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
Council on Domestic Violence and
 Sexual Assault

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

A proposed budget is attached to the position paper on this appropriation bill. It should be noted that the estimated cost of \$400/day for each trainer and facilitator during implementation is the maximum estimated for the level of professional expertise required.

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 Agency: Department of Public Safety

Date: 1/15/85

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7/1/84

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

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October 1, 1984

Elizabeth J. Hickerson
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Dear Elizabeth:

I am sorry it has taken so long for me to respond to your request on September 10, for a budget for training in the prevention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors as described in SB 447. Our FY 86 budget and countless other preoccupations keep me going.

When the Council thought that the bill would pass last session, they approved the enclosed proposal. I have added the budget numbers based upon the Council's plan. Also enclosed is a copy of the child sexual assault agreement signed by the Commissioners of Public Safety, Corrections, Health and Social Services, the Attorney General and the Governor.

Thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Barbara Miklos
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Robert J. Sundberg, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Sandra Borbridge, Special Assistant to Governor Sheffield

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is strongly committed to a team approach in cases of child sexual assault. If professionals, including social workers and law enforcement, do not coordinate efforts; it is possible for a victim to be interviewed many times by different people. Also, without specific interviewing skills that are needed with children, interviewers may be uncomfortable or make the child uncomfortable. A beneficial side effect of a coordinated team approach is that it maximizes the use of limited professional resources. Although some training has been conducted in the state, the focus is rarely across disciplines and often not targeted to all appropriate community people. Therefore training is needed that brings diverse groups together and focuses on a team approach.

Last year SB 447 passed the Senate but did not pass the House. The purpose of the legislation was to develop a training program on the prevention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors. The Council was to develop a program to train teams of community professionals. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is the most appropriate agency to oversee the training because it includes representatives from the Departments of Law, Public Safety, Health and Social Services and Education.

The Council approved a training plan at their meeting May 2, 1984. Training shall include information about identification, team investigation and prosecution, treatment and prevention of child abuse.

The Council's tentative plan is to contract with an individual experienced in this field to coordinate the effort; plan the training in conjunction with agency personnel; develop training materials, determine training locations and schedules; identify participants and set up the training. A team of departmental representatives (Law, Health & Social Services, Education and Public Safety) would develop the RFP and review proposals.

PHASE I

The first training session would be for policy makers such as regional managers of Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS), trooper detachment commanders, heads of state agencies (mental health, alcoholism, domestic violence/sexual assault), regional district attorneys, selected police chiefs, representatives from the Departments of Education and Corrections and Legislators and/or staff. The purposes of this initial meeting are to:

Provide an overview of child abuse treatment

Present a model team approach

Discuss implementation of the child sexual assault agreement signed by Public Safety, Health and Social Services, Law and Corrections in September 1984.

Discuss regional training sites and participants

PHASE II

Following this initial meeting, regional training would be provided in five to seven locations. These trainings will be conducted for victim witnesses, sexual assault

and mental health programs, private therapists, DFYS, troopers, police, medical personnel, district attorneys, and teachers. Specific topics to be included are: dynamics of sexual and physical abuse of minors, including information about victims, non offending parents and perpetrators; interviewing child victims, the laws in Alaska relating to sexual and physical abuse of minors; methods of meeting the child's emotional needs during investigation and prosecution; families' roles in investigation and prosecution, investigation techniques including knowledge about child development and team building, implementation requirements of the child sexual assault agreement and the development of community plans of action. Trainers will include experts in the different areas from Alaska and outside the state.

Proposed budget:

Contractor to coordinate and plan the training in conjunction with involved state agencies and community based sexual assault programs; develop training materials that can be used for the training and in the future, determine training locations and schedules; identify participants and set up training. \$50,000

Other (printing, office supplies, advertising, etc.) \$7,500

Phase I - training to policy makers:

Four trainers and facilitators @ \$400/day for 3 days plus their travel and per diem	\$ 8,500
Meeting rooms	900
Travel and per diem for participants to Anchorage	17,500

Phase II - training to direct providers in seven sites possibly, Anchorage, Juneau, Palmer, Bethel, Nome, Soldotna and Fairbanks.

Trainers: Five trainers and facilitators @ \$400/day for 4 days, seven sites plus travel and per diem	\$84,500
Meeting rooms	5,000

Travel for participants - This travel would be for people in surrounding villages and other communities to come in for training - maximum 25 people for each session

Anchorage - (including 3 people each from Valdez, Cordova, Kodiak and 2 Aleutian communities)	10,000
Juneau - (representatives from Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell, Kake and Haines)	13,000
Palmer/Wasilla and other Matanuska Valley communities	2,000
Bethel - (Including 3 people from Dillingham and 15 village participants)	10,000
Nome - (including 15 village representatives and 4 representatives from Kotzebue)	9,000

Fairbanks - (including 3 people from Barrow
and 18 village participants) 11,000

Soldotna - (including 6 people from Homer
and 1 village and 3 people from Seward) 7,000

TOTAL \$235,900

ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

POSITION PAPER

SB 27

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a non-profit corporation representing 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs statewide, supports SB27 to establish and provide funding for a training program for the prevention, intervention, investigation, and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors.

Fifteen of the Network's 20 programs are currently addressing the issue of child sexual abuse by providing direct services to child victims and non-offending parents; conducting education and prevention programs in communities; developing and presenting curricula dealing with sexual assault to school districts; coordinating service provision with other social service and law enforcement agencies; and developing protocols for inter-agency use in cases of child sexual abuse.

Reports of cases of child sexual abuse have increased dramatically. The increase in the reporting rate is due to the success of community education and awareness efforts by domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and presentations on sexual assault prevention to children in school settings. While it is critical that these efforts continue, it must be realized that they will result in increased disclosures of incidences of abuse, and individuals and agencies involved in dealing with child victims must be trained to respond.

Child victims will often disclose incidences of abuse to teachers and day care providers. Educators and care givers must be trained to recognize behavioral and other symptoms and patterns of a child suffering abuse, and how to sensitively handle a disclosure. They must also be aware of legal reporting requirements of such cases to the Division of Family and Youth Services.

Division of Family and Youth Services' case workers are required to take action after such a report, to prevent further harm to the child and to insure the child's proper care and protection. Consequently, case workers are brought into immediate contact with child victims and require training in dealing sensitively with the child in the interviewing process.

Because child sexual abuse is a felony crime, the Division of Family and Youth Services is required to report such cases to law enforcement agencies for purposes of conducting an investigation of the charges. Law enforcement agency personnel should be provided training in conducting interviews, the success of which will have a direct impact on the disposition of such cases.

In order to avoid additional trauma to the child and to insure that the child is protected from further harm, all these agencies and individuals need to work cooperatively, comprehensively, and efficiently in developing a sensitive and effective approach to handling cases of child sexual abuse. The provision of training to all professionals who are likely to come into contact with a child victim is a necessary and logical step. The Network feels that the establishment of a training program, utilizing a team approach composed of service providers from all disciplines is crucial to impacting the high incidence of child sexual abuse.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

SB 27
BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

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PHONE:

December 14, 1984

The Honorable Jan Faiks
Alaska State Senate
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Dear Senator Faiks:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to review your initial drafts of legislation concerning child abuse. I appreciate this courtesy and your leadership in addressing these problems in innovative ways.

I agree strongly that a coordinated approach to the problems of child abuse and neglect is essential to effective prevention, intervention, and treatment. A coordinated approach is also desirable to reduce trauma to children and minimize disruption of families.

The basic approach embodied in your draft proposals - achieving coordination through training - is insightful and one both Commissioner Pugh and I could support strongly, although we would suggest that this Department would be the appropriate agency to perform this important function. The conceptual approach your drafts suggest is very similar to the approach the Department has been implementing for some years through training efforts of the Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS). That division has conducted joint training for state employees, private agency staff, and citizens on a variety of levels - from sponsoring conferences and symposiums to conducting local workshops on specific issues relating to prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. For example, in fiscal year 1983 over 90 such training events were presented.

Similarly, DFYS' efforts to increase coordination have included development of local inter-agency protocols for intervening in cases of child sexual abuse, and participation in development of statewide protocols. We hope to expand this in the future to include protocols for intervening in physical abuse and neglect cases as well. Training for those mandated to intervene directly in child abuse and neglect cases will be vital to effective implementation of these protocols. Training of others who have less direct involvement in intervention or who are engaged in prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect will be an important adjunct.

With the mandate and authority to intervene in child abuse cases and experience with the range of such cases, the Division of Family and Youth Services has had the opportunity to develop the special expertise essential to implementing such an important training program. This training program could be readily incorporated into the division's ongoing training efforts thereby avoiding duplication of effort, particularly in the administrative area, and ensuring a well coordinated overall training effort.

We also support the concept of ensuring that state employees required to report suspected instances of child abuse and neglect receive training sufficient to enable them to better recognize and respond appropriately to the problem. Again, the preparation and distribution of training materials concerning child abuse and neglect is appropriately a function of the Department of Health and Social Services given our primary responsibility for intervening in such cases. Since the Department already undertakes much of what is envisioned in your draft Bill #2 on a discretionary basis, it would also be most efficient and effective from an administrative standpoint for any mandated efforts to be performed by the same agency. We would suggest also that it would be most appropriate to include such training in the regular training curriculum of the agencies in which persons required to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect are employed. This would increase efficiency in training present employees and ensure that training related to child abuse and neglect became an integral part of the orientation training of each new employee. The Department, through the Division of Family and Youth Services, could develop standards of training and training curricula and coordinate implementation of the training as a major component of its overall training efforts.

I support your desire to ensure that elderly victims of domestic violence have the ability to obtain injunctive relief. I believe, however, that under the existing definition of domestic violence elderly persons may obtain such relief since they could be considered as "...a member of the social unit comprised of those living together in the same dwelling...."

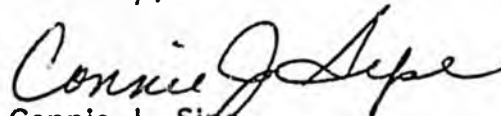
Although the present definition would not allow injunctive relief in all appropriate cases (e.g., an elderly parent living apart from abusive adult offspring), I would be hesitant to support the definition of domestic violence proposed in the draft Bill #3. It is so broad that it chances losing the focus on the special problems presented by domestic violence. Under the proposed definition, domestic violence would include any assaultive crime if the perpetrator and victim are related,

however remotely, by blood or marriage. This expands far beyond the concept of the social unit incorporated in the present law and in doing so becomes so broad that it fails to define the special character and nature of the relationships involved in domestic violence. It is almost a certainty that, for the purposes of uniformity, the definition proposed in draft Bill #3 would, if adopted, also become the definition of domestic violence contained in AS 18.66. I am concerned that if this were to occur, the uniqueness and focus of domestic violence programs would be lost. It is important for domestic violence programs to maintain their unique qualities and focus and not simply be required to expand to become a parallel social service system because of a broad definition. Should this occur, the important needs they meet might again be lost among competing priorities. I would be happy to work with you to develop a definition which could both meet the needs of elderly persons and retain the special focus of domestic violence programs.

As you may know, this Department and the Department of Law have been developing legislative proposals for introduction by Governor Sheffield to address a variety of child protection issues. A synopsis of the proposals being considered for introduction is enclosed. I think these proposals will complement those you have suggested, and I hope they receive your constructive review and support.

Thank you again for the courtesy of allowing me to review your draft proposals. I hope my comments have been helpful and constructive.

Sincerely,



Connie J. Sipe
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure



Official Business

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Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Committee on

Health, Education & Social Services

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members, Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

FROM: Committee Staff

RE: Committee Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 1985

DATE: January 15, 1985

On Thursday, January 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Beltz Room, the Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services will hear the following bills:

SB 27 Making a special appropriation to the Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, for a training program on the prevention, intervention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors.

SB 27 provides funding to the Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to coordinate a training program for community professionals on the prevention, intervention, investigation and treatment of sexual and physical abuse of minors.

A child sexual abuse agreement for Alaska entered into last September between the Departments of Law, Public Safety, Health and Social Services and Corrections established a framework for mutual cooperation among the departments in their response to reported instances of child abuse. The agreement encourages local communities to adopt their own guidelines and develop specific agreements among local law enforcement, social service and treatment agencies. SB 27 provides funding for the training necessary to establish local coordination.

Sandra
1-17-85 hearing

SB 27

DFYS has not done community team training.

→ Council's statutory authority doesn't include "neglect."
Many cases are neglect - DFYS deals w/ them.
Liz - Bill doesn't address neglect - priority should be protection from physical + sexual abuse

\$100,000 public ed. program on abuse

12 brochures - 5 aimed specifically
at those req'd to report

radio spots (6 lang.)

TV spots

posters

advertise 24-hr.
genith # in Anch.

(out 1st of
March)

→ Josephson: "What budget would DFYS need
to do community/reporting training?"
"Admin. needs to come back w/ 1 position!"

→ ^{Carla} Timpone: DFYS doesn't have under their
purview child sexual assault ~~not~~ perpetrated
by other than a family member.

Want team training modeled after
Mat-Su (Wasilla) program.

In Juneau, AWARE provided training
to DFYS employees!

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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May, 1988

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Mary Van Nimwegen

HESS	1-31-85	1:40 pm
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