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Mary Van Nimwegen

HESS *1-31-85* *1:40 pm*
1-17-85 *1:33 pm*

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

1/14/85

Date 1-31-85

Mr. President

The Committee on HESS considered SB 28

relating to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

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 SB 28
- 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

William S. ...

Ed B. ...

[Signature]
Chairman

Chairman recommendation

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POSITION PAPER

SB 28

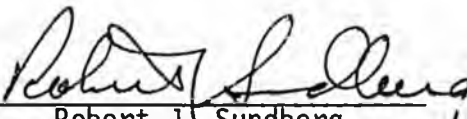
"An Act relating to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect."

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supports the general concept of SB 28. There is a need for state employees who are required by AS 47.17.020 to immediately report when they believe a child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect to have training on how to identify and intervene in situations of this nature. If state employees are not trained, it is possible that the state could be held accountable should AS 47.17.020 be violated by an employee. State employees covered by the mandated reporting law are primarily in the Departments of Health & Social Services, Public Safety, Corrections and Education.

Since not all the employees required to report under AS 47.17.020 are involved in child abuse prevention and treatment, the Council suggests rewording the first sentence of SB 28 as follows: A person employed by the state who is required to report under AS 47.17.020 shall receive training on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect. This change deletes training on the "prevention and treatment" and replaces the word "intervention" with reporting. Those employees who are involved in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect are or should be receiving training in their specific fields through other means.

The growing awareness about the need for identifying and reporting suspected cases of child abuse and neglect has not been accompanied by informing the public of accurate and sensitive ways to handle such concerns. This information has also not always been provided to state employees. In order to better ensure that appropriate cases are reported and inappropriate ones are not and that the reporting is done in the best manner for all concerned, quality training materials need to be developed, produced and used.

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault which includes representatives from the Department of Public Safety, Health and Social Services, Education and Law plus three public members, is established to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault (AS 18.66.010). The broader responsibility for child abuse and neglect lies within the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Family and Youth Services. The Council and the programs it funds would work closely with the Division of Family and Youth Services and other appropriate state agencies in developing the training materials.


Robert J. Sundberg
Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 28
 Title: Training State Employees...
 Child Abuse and Neglect
 Sponsor: Senator Faiks
 Requestor: Sen. HESS
 Date of Request: 1-11-85

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	64.0	12.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	8.0
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	64.0	12.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	8.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
GENERAL FUND	64.0	12.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	8.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	64.0	12.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	8.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

A one-time contract to develop a printed self-instructional training manual with audio and video cassettes, the production of sufficient copies and the distribution of them would be accomplished the first year. Succeeding years could entail revising of the materials as needed, and any additional production and distribution costs. This was chosen because it is the least expensive and simplest to maintain, particularly in rural areas.

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Division: Council on Dom. Violence & Sexual Assault

Date: January 11, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: Robert J. Sundberg

Date: 1/15/85

Agency: Department of Public Safety

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- Legislative Finance
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7/1/84

SB 28 (FAIKS) RELATING TO TRAINING STATE EMPLOYEES ON THE RECOGNITION
AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE.

THIS IS A TITLE CHANGE.

ORIGINAL BILL:

MANDATED THAT TRAINING BE PROVIDED ON PREVENTION, RECOGNITION,
INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TO
THOSE STATE EMPLOYEES REQUIRED BY LAW TO REPORT (SEE ATTACHED
LIST). TRAINING BY COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (HESS):

1. TRAINING ONLY ON RECOGNITION AND REPORTING.
2. TRAINING TO BE DONE BY RESPECTIVE STATE AGENCIES THAT
EMPLOY PEOPLE REQUIRED TO REPORT (MOSTLY HEALTH AND SOCIAL
SERVICES, BUT ALSO PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, CORRECTIONS).
3. STATE AGENCIES MUST PROVIDE COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH INFORMATION ON THEIR TRAINING
CURRICULUMS.

LETTER OF INTENT:

ENCOURAGES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE TEACHER TRAINING
ON RECOGNITION AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE.

FISCAL NOTE:

ZERO. THE SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIRED BY SB 28 CAN BE
INCORPORATED INTO AGENCIES' ONGOING EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Offered: 2/1/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Faiks, Sturgulewski,
Halford, et al

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 28 (HESS)

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training state employees on the
7 recognition and reporting of child abuse and ne-
8 glect."

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

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* Section 1. AS 47.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 47.17.022. TRAINING. (a) A person employed by the state
12 who is required under AS 47.17 to report abuse or neglect of children
13 shall receive training on the recognition and reporting of child abuse
14 and neglect.

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(b) Each department of the state that employs persons required
16 to report abuse or neglect of children shall provide

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(1) initial training required by this section to each new
18 employee during the employee's first six months of employment, and to
19 any existing employee who has not received equivalent training; and

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(2) appropriate in-service training required by this sec-
21 tion as determined by the department.

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(c) Each department that must comply with (b) of this section
23 shall develop a training curriculum that acquaints its employees with

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(1) laws relating to child abuse and neglect;

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(2) techniques for recognition and detection of child abuse
26 and neglect;

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(3) agencies and organizations within the state that offer
28 aid or shelter to victims and the families of victims of child abuse
29 or neglect; and

1 (4) procedures for required notification of suspected abuse
2 or neglect.

3 (i) Each department that must comply with (b) of this section
4 shall file a current copy of its training curriculum and materials,
5 with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Any depart-
6 ment may seek the technical assistance of the council or the Depart-
7 ment of Health and Social Services in the development of its training
8 program.

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

LETTER OF INTENT FOR CS SB 28 (HESS)

Passage of CS SB 28 (HESS) reflects the Legislature's recognition that persons who come into contact with abused or neglected children are often unprepared to recognize symptoms, to report properly, or to otherwise respond in an appropriate manner.

Underlying the provisions of CS SB 28 (HESS) is the requirement in AS 47.17.020 that certain persons report instances of child abuse and child neglect to public authorities. Not only are state employees covered by this law, but school teachers and school administrative staff are also required to report. Such persons who willfully fail to report may be guilty of a misdemeanor and their school district may incur civil liability.

Although the new law does not require training of school district employees in this critical area, the Legislature recognizes that teachers and school administrators are often the first line of detection of child abuse and neglect.

Consequently, the Legislature urges each school district to provide corresponding training to its employees. In addition, school districts are encouraged to work with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault concerning the features of the state training program. Not only will such training better prepare school district employees to comply with the reporting requirements of AS 47.17.010, but the Legislature believes that it will also contribute to the prevention of child abuse in Alaska.

1 IN THE SENATE

BY FAIKS

2 **SENATE BILL NO. 28**

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training state employees on the
7 prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment
8 of child abuse and neglect."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 47.17.022. TRAINING. A person employed by the state who is
12 required to report under AS 47.17.020 shall receive training on the
13 prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse
14 and neglect. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
15 shall coordinate the training, prepare and disseminate educational
16 programs and materials, and establish standards of training under
17 AS 18.66.050.

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§ 47.17.020 WELFARE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS § 47.17.020

other than accidental means, of harm through physical abuse or neglect or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, the legislature requires the reporting of these cases by practitioners of the healing arts and others to the appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that, as a result of these reports, protective services will be made available in an effort to prevent further harm to the child, to safeguard and enhance the general well-being of the children in this state, and to preserve family life whenever possible. (§ 1 ch 100 SLA 1971; am § 3 ch 104 SLA 1982)

Effect of amendments. — The 1982 amendment, in the first sentence, substituted "neglect or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation" for "neglect requiring the attention of a practitioner of the healing arts" and inserted "of the healing arts."

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Use of reports. — The reports of child abuse and neglect required by this section are intended for use in child protection proceedings and are not intended for use in criminal proceedings. *State v. R.H.*, Ct. App. Op. No. 375 (File No. 7768), P.2d (1984). See also notes to AS 47.17.060, under catchline "Judicial proceeding."

Collateral references. — 42 Am. Jur. 2d, *Infants*, §§ 16, 17.
43 C.J.S., *Infants*, §§ 36 to 39, 70 to 75, 94.
Medical attention, criminal neglect by failure to provide, 12 ALR2d 1047.
Liability of parent for injury to unemancipated child caused by parent's negligence, 41 ALR3d 904.
Validity and construction of penal statute prohibiting child abuse, 1 ALR4th 38.

Sec. 47.17.020. Persons required to report. (a) The following persons who, in the performance of their professional duties, have cause to believe that a child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect shall immediately report the harm to the nearest office of the department:

- (1) practitioners of the healing arts;
- (2) school teachers and school administrative staff members;
- (3) social workers;
- (4) peace officers, and officers of the Department of Corrections;
- (5) administrative officers of institutions;
- (6) licensed day care providers and paid staff;
- (7) licensed foster care providers.

(b) This section does not prohibit the named persons from reporting cases which have come to their attention in their nonprofessional capacities nor does it prohibit any other person from reporting a child's harm which the person has cause to believe is a result of abuse or neglect. These reports shall be made to the nearest office of the department.



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JAN FAIKS
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January 14, 1985

MEMOPANDUM

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senate Health, Education and Social Services
Committee

FROM: Senator Jan Faiks *JF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 28 - An Act relating to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect

Senate Bill 28 mandates training on the prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect for state employees who are required by law to report instances of harm under AS 47.17.020. While reporting instances of harm is mandated by state statute, associated training is discretionary, and often limited or nonexistent.

State employees, required to report cases of harm, do not always obtain training that is essential to the performance of their legal responsibilities, and thus are ill prepared to effectively comply with the law. Not only does the public, particularly children, suffer from lack of trained service providers, but the state faces potential liability for negligent acts of its employees.

REPORTING MANDATED

In 1971, the Alaska legislature enacted AS 47.17.010 which mandates the reporting of the instances of child abuse and neglect to appropriate public authorities. The purpose of mandatory reporting is to prevent future harm to the child and safeguard and enhance the general well-being of children in Alaska.

Under AS 47.27.020 the following persons must report cases of suspected harm to the Department of Health and Social Services:

practitioners of the healing arts;

members; school teachers and school administrative staff

social workers;

peace officers, and officers of the Department of Corrections;

administrative officers of institutions;

licensed day care providers and paid staff; and

licensed foster care providers.

These people are often the first individuals who come in contact with abused or neglected children. Early detection of harm can result in the prevention of further abuse or neglect.

TRAINING

Without proper training, cases of abuse or neglect may not be recognized and reported and thus the safety of children is jeopardized. Implicit in the mandate to report suspected child abuse and neglect¹ is the ability to recognize what it is that must be reported.

Following nationwide hearings, the U. S. Attorney's Task Force on Domestic Violence recommended that federal, state and local government agencies train relevant personnel to diagnose and appropriately intervene in family violence cases. Initial and inservice training for social service providers (child protection workers, mental health professionals, alcohol and drug abuse counselors and shelter workers), criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers), prosecutors, judges, medical professionals (physicians, nurses, paramedics, psychologists, emergency room personnel), and teachers was recommended. When these individuals are obligated by law to report child abuse it is very important that they are given proper training to identify it.²

IMMUNITY AND LIABILITY

Immunity from civil liability and criminal penalty exists under AS 47.17.050 for those who report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect in good faith. However, if those persons required to report cases of abuse or neglect willfully or knowingly fail or refuse to report the harm, they are guilty of a Class B misdemeanor under AS 47.17.068. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. If a state employee, required to report under AS 47.17.020, willfully or knowingly fails or refuses to report harm, that person is subject to prosecution under AS 47.17.068 and possible civil liability. The state may also be subject to

civil liability under AS 9.50.250 for the negligent actions or omissions of its employees.

RECENT FINDINGS IN ALASKA

In recent investigations conducted by both the State Ombudsman and Legislative Audit, it was determined that one group of state employees, who are in constant contact with abused or neglected children, lack sufficient training.

On July 12, 1984, the State Ombudsman concluded in Complaint F83-1576 that the Division of Family and Youth Services failed to act effectively to protect a child who had been reported to the Division as an abused child. (This child died from injuries inflicted by his live-in babysitter.) This finding was based on two factors.

The record of the agency's involvement in the matter suggested uncertainty and handling inconsistent with standard agency practices.

Despite the directive of the agency's program manual, staff assigned to this case provided no follow-up.

The Ombudsman concluded that understaffing was at a crisis level and contributed to the ineffective actions of the agency in this matter. Throughout the report, however, lack of proper training on child abuse and neglect for social workers, as well as medical personnel, was highlighted.³

On August 10, 1984, the Division of Legislative Audit reported that the Division of Family and Youth Services's ability to adequately investigate reports of child abuse and neglect is hampered by understaffing and insufficient management direction. Following interviews with parents, Department of Law personnel, Court System personnel, attorneys, and DFYS social workers, Legislative Audit concluded

In some instances, adequate policies and procedures may exist in the policy and procedures manual, but management has not provided the training and/or the review to ensure that social workers are following the manual. In either case, DFYS management needs to provide better direction to social workers for consistently interpreting their responsibilities and enacting legislative intent for child protection.

A survey of guardians ad litem, which accompanied the report, indicated that better training and supervision of social workers and supervisors was needed.⁴

CONCLUSION

Social workers are not the only persons in this state that need training, and training alone will not lessen the crisis situation that has been created by understaffing. However, the documented investigations indicate that there is a problem with a state agency providing protective services to children that have been abused or neglected. Since the state has undertaken the responsibility to provide protective services to children, intervene in appropriate cases, and require reporting of suspected cases of harm, it is imperative that those employed by the state receive adequate training to address this problem.

Non-state employees, primarily teachers and medical personnel should also receive adequate training. Local governments should be strongly encouraged to provide training for teachers employed by the district.

To date, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Public Defender Agency, and the Department of Education support this bill. The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supported similar legislation last session.

Steve Lester Ester
~~Buddy~~
Son Andy Paul Creek
A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the SENATE

By Sackett and Faiks

TO: CSSB 28 (HESS)

Page 1, line 6, following "employees" insert:

", and certain employees of the districts of the state public school system"

Page 2, line 9, add a new subsection to read:

"(e) The districts of the state public school system shall provide at least one-half day of in-service training to school teachers and school administrative staff members on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect."

POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 28

"An act related to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect."

This bill would require that state employees who, in their job capacity, are required by statute to report child abuse be trained in the prevention, recognition, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The bill assigns to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault the authority and responsibility for establishing standards for this training, coordinating the training, and preparing and disseminating educational programs and materials.

The department supports the concept of required training for state employees but opposes the mechanism proposed in this bill to accomplish that training. The department proposes that the development of basic educational program materials should be developed and disseminated by the agency with the primary responsibility for preventing, identifying, intervening and treating child abuse and neglect and that these materials be incorporated in the regular training curriculum of the agencies employing persons required to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect. Because of the very distinct and different roles and responsibilities of those state employees required to report child abuse each requires specific training in carrying out those responsibilities which can best and most efficiently be developed and implemented by the agency employing the individual. The mechanism proposed in this bill to carry out training could impede staff training responsibilities of individual agencies and would be administratively inefficient.

The department supports cooperative agreements for coordinated multi-disciplinary efforts in training such as a state-wide child sexual abuse agreement as a more effective means of carrying out the training goals of this bill. Such agreements allow for clear definition of roles and responsibilities of each agency or organization and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort both in intervention and training.

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Preparation and distribution of training materials concerning child abuse and neglect is appropriately a function of the Department of Health and Social Services given the primary responsibility of the department for intervening in such cases and in developing prevention and treatment programs. In addition, since the department already undertakes much of what is envisioned in SB 28 on a discretionary basis it would be most efficient and effective from an administrative standpoint for mandated efforts to be performed by the same agency. The department through its Division of Family and Youth Services already implements formal training program for its own staff members of the recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect and discretionarily provides training to other state agencies and private human service providers as is indicated in the attached DFYS training report for FY 84. The division has also undertaken significant public awareness efforts aimed at a variety of professionals statutorily required to report child abuse and neglect as well as the general public.

In contrast the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault has particular expertise in the area of sexual assault. Community domestic violence program personnel have provided, at the invitation of the Division of Family and Youth Services, training to community and division personnel in the specific areas of intervention and child sexual assault. A broad expertise, experience and responsibility that the Division of Family and Youth Services has in dealing with all aspects of child abuse and neglect would be critical to the development of appropriate basic educational materials. In Alaska the largest percentage of child maltreatment cases consist of neglect (63%) and physical abuse (25%). Child sexual abuse in contrast comprises only 6% of nationally reported child maltreatment cases and 11% of child maltreatment reports in Alaska. Expertise must focus on all categories of maltreatment in order to develop adequate training materials. This is particularly true when it is understood that profile of characteristics of child sexual abuse victims is significantly different than that for child victims of other types of abuse and neglect and that intervention and treatment approaches differ significantly also.

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In summary the department supports the concept of training state employees on the various aspects of child abuse and neglect but proposes that this training occur through existing and appropriate state agency training mechanisms with the support of the department of Health and Social Services. 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.

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 28
 Title: An Act....training of
state employees
 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:
Social Services, Youth Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING						
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
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: _____
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DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES

TRAINING SUMMARY - July 1, 1983 -- September 30, 1984

Total Trained	1,156 +
Staff	468 +
Community	688 +
Training Hours (time x participants)	25,025

SEXUAL ABUSE TRAINING - July 1, 1983 -- September 30, 1984

Total Trained	996
Staff	351
Community	635
Traing Hours	14,502

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES
TRAINING SUMMARY 7/1/83 - 9/30/84

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Location</u>	<u># Participants</u>	<u># Staff</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTING						
8/30/83	Day Care Centers Anchorage	19	1	16	(3) 57	M. Munson
8/30/83	Placement Agencies Anchorage	13	1	12	(3) 39	M. Munson
8/30/83	Awareness in School Romig Junior High School Anchorage	96	0	96	(6)576	B. Garberding
8/29/83	Inservice - Snowbank School Wasilla	45	0	6	(1) 45	B. Garberding
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE						
8/31/83	Parents United Facilitating Sexual Abuse Treatment Groups Anchorage	12	0	12	(2) 24	B. Garberding
3/21-23/84	Identification/Treatment Victims - NRO YS Fairbanks	20	20		(13)260	Glen Lambert
6/1/84	Evaluation and Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Abuse Offenders McLaughlin YS, Anchorage	20	20		(7)140	Gary Winet
5/30/84	Treatment Adolescent Victim Sexual Abuse McLaughlin YS, Anchorage	17	17		(8)136	Glen Lambert

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES
TRAINING SUMMARY 7/1/83 - 9/30/84

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Location</u>	<u># Participants</u>	<u># Staff</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
5/31/84 6/1/84	Sexual Abuse Adolescent Victim and Offender SCRO YS, Anchorage	14	14		(14)196	Glen Lambert
6/7-8/84	Assessment and Treatment Youthful Sex Offender SERO, Juneau	26	12	14	(14)364	Nick Nichols and Irene Melinden
6/18/84	Treatment of Male Sexual Offender McLaughlin YS, Anchorage	10	10		(13)130	Jim Harper
6/25-29/84 9/10-14/84	Child Sexual Abuse (2 Sec) NRO, Fairbanks	60	25	35		
	- Intervention NRO				(7)420	D & J Ramon
	- Interviewing and Investigation				(4)240	Marsha Morgan
	- Using the Dolls for Inter- viewing				(4)240	Howard Anderson
	- Pre-trial Preparation				(7)420	Ellie Breslan
	- Assessment of Treatment Sexually Abused Child				(7)420	Steven Wolf
	- Classified Offender Treatment					
7/27-31/84	Child Sexual Abuse Social Services Agencies Barrow	49	2	47	(35)1715	Mary Abruska, Ginny McCarthy, Clara Kelly, Ken Roosa
9/18-20/84	Child Sexual Abuse Social Services Agencies Kotzebue	60	3	57	(21)7260	Rosemary Murry, Ken Duff, Jill Baker
5/16-18/84	Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Sitka	153	29	124	(21)3212	National Leaders

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TRAINING SUMMARY 7/83 - 9/30/84

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Location</u>	<u># Participants</u>	<u># Staff</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
May, Aug. Sept. 84	Child Sexual Abuse and Legal Training WRO FS, Bethel					Pam Kirk, Dolly Coke Don Edwards
9/6-7/84	Sexual Abuse					Lucy Berliner
FIELD STAFF TRAINING						
10/4-22/84	Orientation, Anchorage	14	14		(70)980	B. Garberding and M. Munson
9/25-28/84	Comprehensive Training NRO YS, Fairbanks	23	23		(30)690	Gene Shafer and Other Staff
4/24-27/84	Field Staff Training SCRO FS, Anchorage	23	23		(28)392	
	- Child Sexual Abuse				7	Pam Kirk
	- Cross Cultural				7	Phil Kaufman
	- Licensing				7	Fr. Oleksa
	- Family Systems				7	Pat O'Brien Paul Shanely
8/6-10/84	Individual and Family Assessment SCRO FS, Anchorage	25	25			
	- Working with Resistant Clients				(8)200	Pamela Moyer C. Wickersham
	- Working with and Under- standing Adolescents				(4)100	C. Wickersham
	- Separation and Loss				(4)100	C. Wickersham
	- Taking Care of Yourself				(4)100	C. Wickersham
	- Family Dynamics of Sexual and Physical Abuse				(4)100	C. Wickersham
8/15-17/84	Caseload Management YS Statewide, Juneau	31	31		(21)651	Todd Clear Brian Beamus

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES
TRAINING SUMMARY 7/1/83 - 9/30/84

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Location</u>	<u># Participants</u>	<u># Staff</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
3/9/84	SCRO FS Registration, Anchorage					
ELDER ABUSE						
7/13/83	Adult Protection Senior Citizen Project Anchorage	50	2	48	(3)150	B. Garberding
9/13-14/84	Statewide FS Anchorage					Susan Tomita
CROSS CULTURAL TRAINING						
7/7/84	Indian Child Welfare Act Kotzebue	20		20	(5)100	M. Munson
4/10/84	Cross Cultural Awareness McLaughlin YS, Anchorage	14	0	14	(75)616	Nova University
FOSTER CARE						
4/26-28/84	Consensus Seeking and Mutual Selection SCRO FS, Anchorage	44	31	13	(74)616	Nova University
9/24-28/84	Discipline and Control and Nurture SERO FS, Ketchikan, Juneau	26	9	17	(14)364	Ray Curtis
5/18-20/84	Fairbanks Foster Parent Conference NRO FS, Fairbanks					M. J. Amundsen

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3/21-23/84	Alaska State Foster Parent Conference NRO FS, Fairbanks					Sally Brown
WORKING WITH RESISTANT CLIENTS						
5/15-16/84	Working with Difficult Clients NRO FS, Fairbanks	17	10	7	(14)238	Barbara Niko and Mary J. Demond
7/12-13/84 9/27-28/84	Forming Relationships with Hard to Reach Youths SERO YS, Juneau SCRO YS, Anchorage	45	23	22	(14)630	Henry Maier
COURT WORK						
7/12/83	Prepare to be a Witness Department of Revenue Anchorage	20	0	20	(2) 40	M. Munson
7/24/84	Court Report Writing YS Statewide, Anchorage	11	11		(7) 77	Paul Kim
ADOPTION						
9/28/83	Special Needs Adoption Anchorage	20	0	20	(3) 60	B. Garberding
6/6-7/84	Adoption Disruption Statewide FS, Anchorage	13	7	6	(27)273	Jill Jasper

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MANAGEMENT TRAINING						
9/5-7/84 9/10-12/84	Advanced Management Skills FS YS Statewide Juneau and Anchorage	41	41		(21)861	Mike Austin
9/27-28/84	Team Building CO Staff and RSSMs and RAs Juneau	23	23		(21)483	Michael Groh
3/14-15/84	Data Training FS YS Statewide Juneau					M. A. Arseneau
CLERICAL TRAINING						
9/11-14/84	SCRO FS/YS Anchorage	16	16		(21)336	Lisa O'Brien
7/11 to 8/1/84	DFYS CO Clerical Training, Juneau					Judy Crondahl
OTHER						
9/9/83	Men in Early Child Education, Anchorage	10	0	10	(3) 30	B. Carberding
8/15-17/84	Family Systems Therapy NRO FS, Fairbanks	15	11	4	(21)315	Mortiner, Perimutter
8/27-31/84	Preventing Adolescent Suicide, SERO FS Juneau and Ketchikan	28	5	23	(14)392	Dan Capuzzi
5/19-20/84	Building New Traditions Statewide, Anchorage					

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IN THE SENATE

BY FAIKS

CS SENATE BILL NO. 28 (HESS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training state employees on the
[prevention] recognition ^{and reporting} [intervention, and treatment]
of child abuse and neglect."

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

* Section 1. AS 47.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.17.022. TRAINING. A person employed by the state who is
required to report under AS 47.17.020 shall receive training on the
[prevention] recognition ^{and reporting} [intervention, and treatment] of child abuse
and neglect. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
shall coordinate the training, prepare and disseminate educational
programs and materials, and establish standards of training under
AS 18.66.050.

ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

POSITION PAPER

SB 23

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a non-profit corporation representing 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs state wide, supports SB28 to provide training to certain state employees in the area of child abuse and neglect.

This bill would require that those state employees required to report incidences of child abuse and neglect receive training in that field. Employees required to report under the law include: practitioners of the healing arts, school teachers and administrative staff, social workers, peace officers and officers of the Department of Corrections, administrative officers of institutions, licensed day care providers and staff, and licensed foster care providers. The state employees included in those job classes are most often employed by the Departments of Health and Social Services, Education, Public Safety, and Corrections.

It is the Network's position that those persons required to report should receive training in the recognition of child abuse and neglect, and training on the reporting law. However, since those required to report, with the exception of social workers, are not involved in the intervention, prevention, or treatment of child abuse and neglect, we do not feel it is necessary to provide training in those areas. Training in the intervention, prevention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect is provided to those involved in those areas by domestic violence and sexual assault programs and by the Division of Family and Youth Services.

Because of those distinctions, and the very real need to insure that those required to report are aware of their duty to do so, the Network suggests that SB28 be amended to read as follows:

"A person employed by the state who is required to report under AS 47.17.020 shall receive training on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall coordinate the training, prepare and disseminate educational programs and materials, and establish standards of training under AS 18.66.050."

The bill would insure that those required to report would receive training in recognizing the signs of a child victim of abuse or neglect, knowledge of the reporting law and their duty to report, and information on the penalties for failure to report and the protections provided to those making reports.

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Committee Staff

RE: Committee Meeting, Thursday, January 31, 1985


DATE: January 29, 1985

On Thursday, January 31 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Beltz Room, the Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services will take action on three bills relating to domestic violence. The bills received a preliminary hearing on January 17, and have been revised to address concerns raised at that time.

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.

SB 28 Relating to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.



SB 28 mandates that training be provided to those state employees required to report instances of child abuse and neglect. A committee substitute which places the training requirement in the departments of the state which employ these persons, and requires that training curriculums be filed with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, has been prepared.

A Letter of Intent encouraging school districts to provide employee training is attached.

SB 29 Relating to domestic violence.

SB 29 recognizes as victims of domestic violence parents, grandparents and children regardless of whether they are cohabiting with the abuser. A committee substitute which clarifies the relationship of the abuser to the victim and specifies how a petition for injunctive relief may be filed on behalf of a child is attached.

SB 28 Relating to training state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

SB 28 mandates that training be provided on the prevention, recognition, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. State law requires the reporting of suspected instances of harm to the public authorities. Implicit in the mandate to report is the ability to recognize what it is that must be reported, but under current law associated training is discretionary.

SB 28 would provide training to those state employees who are required by law to report instances of harm (school teachers and administrators, social workers, peace officers, practitioners of the healing arts, day care providers, foster care providers, and administrative officers of institutions).

A committee substitute which clarifies that those employees required to report will be trained specifically on how to recognize cases of abuse and on the nature of the reporting requirements is attached. A Letter of Intent encouraging school districts to provide employee training is being prepared.

Introduced: 1/23/85
Referred: State Affairs and
Health, Education & Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY DEVRIES

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SENATE BILL NO. 85

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training of teachers and princi-
7 pals on the subjects of child abuse and sexual abuse
8 of minors."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.03.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to
11 read:

12 (b) Each school district shall annually use one of the 10 days
13 of in-service training allowed under (a)(1) of this section for in-
14 service training of teachers and principals on the subjects of child
15 abuse and sexual abuse of minors.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

SB 28
BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

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November 23, 1984

The Honorable Jan Faiks
Alaska State Senate
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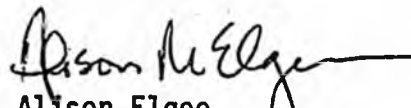
Dear Senator Faiks:

I have reviewed your proposals for draft legislation concerning child abuse. I believe you have made a fine start in addressing some areas of major concern.

I have only one comment, relating to Draft Bill #2 -- Training. As a member of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, I am very aware of the limited staff resources available to the Council. To take on the coordination of training responsibilities would not be possible given our present staff. We would either need additional staff or would have to look at contracting for services, probably with members of the Network. Have you considered using the resources of the Division of Family and Youth Services in the Department of Health and Social Services for this purpose? I believe they have already done a considerable amount of work in this area, and it may be more productive to have them coordinating training.

Again, I thank you for your efforts in addressing an area of vital concern to myself and to the welfare of our children.

Sincerely,


Allison Elgee
Special Assistant

STATE OF ALASKA


BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

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November 28, 1984

Jan Faiks, Senator
Alaska State Legislature
6060 Yukon Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

Dear Senator Faiks:

I'm sorry that I haven't responded earlier to your letter of November 6, regarding proposed domestic violence and sexual assault legislation that you plan to introduce next session. The issues addressed in the three pieces of legislation are endorsed strongly by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Following are comments about two of the draft bills.

→ Draft bill #2, which mandates training for state employees on the prevention, recognition, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, begins to insure that important professionals receive training. However, if the appropriations in draft bill #1 are not made, this legislation would require a fiscal note. Also, it does not address school teachers who are a most important group of professionals required to report.

→ Draft bill #3 defines domestic violence in too broad a manner. By saying, "any other person related by blood or marriage" it could include cousins, brothers, sisters or other relatives who might attempt to obtain Temporary Restraining Orders. Also, how would "intimate relationship" be defined? The Council is most concerned about protecting parents or grandparents from elder abuse who no longer live with the offender but need to be protected from him/her. Instead of revising the whole definition, we propose adding parent or grandparent, by blood, marriage or adoption of the person who committed the crime to AS 12.25.030(b) and 25.35.060.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to domestic violence and sexual assault and are anxious to work with you. Please let me know if there's anything I can do.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Barbara Miklos
Executive Director

cc: Legislative Committee, Council on
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

STATE OF ALASKA

SB 28
BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF LAW CRIMINAL DIVISION

REPLY TO:

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January 2, 1985

Ms. Elizabeth Hickerson
Senate Advisory Council
1024 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 203
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Hickerson:

This is in response to your letter to Genelle Massey, of our office, requesting "reports for 1982 and 1983 that include statewide statistics on the number of arrests and conviction status of sexual assault cases."

Although we can provide some of the information you request, we have no data on the number of arrests. You should contact the Department of Public Safety for that information, but this data may not be particularly useful for your purposes since the department's statistical system employs an unusual definition of "arrest" in conjunction with the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting System.

The data set out in the table below shows the number of defendants--it does not show the number of separate offenses. Often a single defendant will be charged with several offenses which generally represent multiple victims and/or multiple incidents, but this is treated as a single case if they are charged in the same indictment. There are some additional cases which involve multiple charges based on a single incident where separate theories are involved under separate statutory provisions. Consequently, it is generally more helpful to discuss the numbers involved in terms of defendants rather than offenses.

The data we use for our purposes is broken down by cases involving adult victims (the vast majority of which are for sexual assault in the first degree) and cases involving child victims. (The first number depicted in the table below shows the total number of defendants charged with sexual offenses; the number in parentheses is the portion related to child sexual assault.) Given the frequent changes in statutory offenses and numbering, we find that it is much more useful to consider only these two categories. If, after reviewing our statistics, you are still interested in the exact statutory citation for each offense in each case (most sexual assault

cases involve multiple offenses) then we will make our individual case data available to you or someone on your staff to review and compile. Statewide data on individual cases is stored in our office in Juneau. Please give us some advance notice so that we can set aside some space for your staff to work.

When comparing the statistics below with the ones previously sent to you by Victor Krumm, Anchorage District Attorney, you should keep in mind that his statistics labelled "1979" reflect fiscal year 1980; "1980" reflect fiscal year 1981; "1981" reflect fiscal year 1982. We have provided you with FY 83 and FY 84 statistics, thus showing the totals for five years.

You should also keep in mind that Mr. Krumm's figures for conviction rates are based on the number of cases referred and accepted, which is not the way that Criminal Division statistics are ordinarily compiled and which do not accurately reflect conviction rates. The figures we have provided show the number of convictions divided by the total number of cases disposed of during the period.

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
Referred for Prosecution	157 (52)	210 (84)	260 (108)	442 (170)	570 (343)
Accepted for Prosecution	103 (34)	134 (55)	179 (76)	327 (121)	366 (226)
Cases Completed	96 (32)	121 (42)	171 (68)	294 (120)	307 (172)
Pleas	53 (18)	72 (25)	97 (39)	164 (68)	150 (93)
Guilty Verdicts	10 (4)	11 (4)	37 (15)	38 (18)	70 (37)
Not Guilty Verdicts	1	6 (2)	7 (3)	11 (2)	8 (3)
Dismissals	32 (10)	32 (11)	30 (11)	81 (32)	79 (39)
Conviction Rate	$\frac{63}{96} = 66\%$	$\frac{83}{121} = 69\%$	$\frac{134}{171} = 78\%$	$\frac{202}{294} = 69\%$	$\frac{220}{307} = 72\%$
	$(\frac{22}{32} = 69\%)$	$(\frac{29}{42} = 69\%)$	$(\frac{54}{68} = 79\%)$	$(\frac{86}{120} = 72\%)$	$(\frac{130}{172} = 76\%)$

The most significant conclusion to be drawn from these statistics is that the number of child sexual assaults has now eclipsed the number of sexual assaults on adults, which actually appear to be dropping slightly. These child sexual assault cases are more difficult to handle than cases with adult victims, thus contributing to a large increase in trials and dismissals and creating a crying need for more resources, as reflected in our FY 86 budget submissions. Our hope is that with sufficient resources we can look forward to a decrease in the number of these cases in the near future, similar to the apparent decrease in adult sexual assaults. Our fear, however, is that the problem of child abuse in Alaska is so widespread that the current focus on sexual abuse will disclose problems of similar dimensions in the areas of physical abuse, child neglect, and child exploitation (pornography, prostitution, etc.). We believe the problem can only be dealt with through a coordinated interagency response involving police, prosecutors, social workers, correctional programs and educational programs. We would be glad to share our ideas with you.

Very truly yours,

NORMAN C. GORSUCH
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 

Daniel W. Hickey
Chief Prosecutor

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SB 28 TRAINING STATE EMPLOYEES, ETC. ON RECOGNITION AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE.

AS PASSED SENATE:

1. TRAINING ON RECOGNITION AND REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT.
2. TRAINING TO BE DONE BY RESPECTIVE STATE AGENCIES THAT EMPLOY PEOPLE REQUIRED TO REPORT, INCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DEPT. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPT. EDUCATION, DEPT. CORRECTIONS.
3. STATE AGENCIES MUST PROVIDE COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH INFORMATION ON THEIR TRAINING CURRICULUMS.

AS PASSED HOUSE:

PUTS THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS OFFER TRAINING IN THE STATUTE THAT LISTS RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SACKETT HAD TACKED IT ONTO THE END OF THE BILL AS A FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE SENATE; IT IS MORE APPROPRIATELY PLACED NOW.

FISCAL NOTE:

ZERO. THE TRAINING CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO AGENCIES' ONGOING EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

NOTE:

CURRENT STATUTE ALLOWS SCHOOL DISTRICTS 10 INSERVICE DAYS TO BE USED AT THEIR DISCRETION.

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House - passed version

Offered: 3/8/85
Referred: Judiciary and
Finance

Original sponsors: Faiks, Sturgulewski,
Halford, et al

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 28 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training state employees, and
7 certain employees of the districts of the state
8 public school system on the recognition and reporting
9 of child abuse and neglect."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 47.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 47.17.022. TRAINING. (a) A person employed by the state
13 who is required under AS 47.17 to report abuse or neglect of children
14 shall receive training on the recognition and reporting of child abuse
15 and neglect.

16 (b) Each department of the state that employs persons required
17 to report abuse or neglect of children shall provide

18 (1) initial training required by this section to each new
19 employee during the employee's first six months of employment, and to
20 any existing employee who has not received equivalent training; and

21 (2) appropriate in-service training required by this sec-
22 tion as determined by the department.

23 (c) Each department that must comply with (b) of this section
24 shall develop a training curriculum that acquaints its employees with

25 (1) laws relating to child abuse and neglect;

26 (2) techniques for recognition and detection of child abuse
27 and neglect;

28 (3) agencies and organizations within the state that offer
29 aid or shelter to victims and the families of victims of child abuse

1 or neglect; and

2 (4) procedures for required notification of suspected abuse
3 or neglect.

4 (d) Each department that must comply with (b) of this section
5 shall file a current copy of its training curriculum and materials,
6 with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Any depart-
7 ment may seek the technical assistance of the council or the Depart-
8 ment of Health and Social Services in the development of its training
9 program.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 14.08.111 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (11) train those persons required to report under AS 47.17.-
12 020, in the recognition and reporting of child abuse, neglect, and
13 sexual abuse of a minor.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 14.14.090 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (9) train those persons required to report under AS 47.17.-
16 020, in the recognition and reporting of child abuse, neglect, and
17 sexual abuse of a minor.

→ duties of regional school board (REFAA)
→ duties of school board (city/borough)

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school teachers & administrative staff
of public & private schools

Senate - passed version

Offered: 2/1/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Faiks, Sturgulewski,
Halford, et al

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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7 ment may seek the technical assistance of the council or the Depart-
8 ment of Health and Social Services in the development of its training
9 program.

10 (e) The districts of the state public school system shall devote
11 at least one-half day of existing in-service training time to train
12 school teachers and school administrative staff members on the recog-
13 nition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

AS 14.03.030 allows districts
up to 10 in-service days.

→ This language was added on the
Senate floor by Sackett. I've
brought it to Max's attention.

This is the only element
missing in the House version.

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

April 13, 1985

Carol Hinman, Chairperson
Child Development Policy Council
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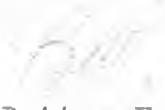
Dear Carol:

Thank you for your letter in support of SB 28, relating to training state employees and school teachers on the recognition and reporting of child abuse.

I am happy to report that SB 28 received the unanimous approval of the Senate on February 25, and is currently under consideration by the House. I agree that this bill is an integral part of any solution to the ever increasing problem of child abuse and neglect in our state, and assure you it has my support.

Again, I appreciate you sharing your views.

Sincerely,


Bettye Fahrenkamp
Chairman

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Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

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April 9, 1985

Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

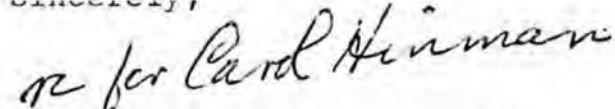
The RurAL CAP Child Development Policy Council is concerned about child sexual abuse. As parents of young children we are pleased to see the legislature working on this issue so that Alaska's children are safeguarded.

We strongly believe that the most effective way to decrease child sexual abuse is through training, education and awareness for children, parents, potential abusers and service providers.

Therefore, we support Committee Substitute for Senate Bill #28 which promotes the training of state employees in recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.

Thank you for your action on this vital issue and your continued concern for young children.

Sincerely,



Carol Hinman, Chairperson
Child Development Policy Council

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Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Legislation Checklist

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