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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 Title: Relating to records of missing children BRU: _____
 Sponsor: Senator Uehling Components: _____
 Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

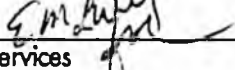
ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

FY90 Fiscal Impact is "0".

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 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Date: _____

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1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 332 ()

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 another school shall comply with the request within 10 days after
2 receiving the request unless the record has been flagged under AS 14.-
3 30.700. A school may not forward a copy of a flagged record and shall
4 notify the Department of Public Safety of the request.

5 Sec. 14.30.720. DEFINITION. In AS 14.30.700 - 14.30.720,
6 "child" means a person who is under 18 years of age.

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

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

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

21 (c) When a copy of a flagged birth certificate is requested, the
22 bureau shall immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. If a
23 flagged record is requested in person, the bureau shall record the
24 name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request.
25 The bureau may only provide a copy of the requested birth certificate
26 by mail.

27 (d) In this section, "child" means a person under 18 years of
28 age.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 47.10.141 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (d) If the Department of Public Safety receives a report that a
2 minor born in this state is missing and the department concludes that
3 the minor is missing, the department shall notify the Bureau of Vital
4 Statistics of the disappearance and shall provide the bureau with a
5 description of the missing minor. The description of the missing
6 minor must include the missing minor's full name, date and place of
7 birth, parent's names, and mother's maiden name. If the Department of
8 Public Safety has reason to believe that a missing minor, whether born
9 in this state or not, has been enrolled in a specific school in the
10 state, the department shall also notify the last known school attended
11 by the missing minor of the disappearance. When a person who was
12 listed as a missing minor is found, the Department of Public Safety
13 shall notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics and any school previously
14 informed of the person's disappearance.
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Senator Rick Uehling

Downtown, Elmendorf, Northeast Anchorage
Memorandum



Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
International Trade & Tourism Committee
State Affairs Committee

February 8, 1990

To: Senator Paul Fischer
Chairman, Senate Health, Education
and Social Services Committee

From: Senator Rick Uehling
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

Subject: SB 332, an act relating to records of missing children; and
to records of certain children enrolled or transferred as
students.

I would appreciate your assistance in scheduling SB 332, an act relating to records of missing children, and to records of certain children enrolled or transferred as students, before the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee at the earliest possible date.

This bill represents an effort to aid law enforcement agencies trying to locate missing children and reunite them with their families. The measures mandated by this bill are not costly and will generally assist public and private agencies looking for children that have been separated from their families.

SB 332 has been endorsed by two major national organizations working on the missing children problem, Child Find of America, Inc. and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

I have included a copy of the bill, a sectional analysis and several letters of endorsement from the two national organizations as backup material.

Please do not hesitate to call on Mike Abbott of my staff if there is additional information that would be of assistance to you.

I appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

Backup materials for SB 332, Missing Kids

- 1) Sectional Analysis of SB 332
- 2) December 1, 1989 letter from Child Find of America, Inc
endorsing SB 332
- 3) January 23, 1990 letter from National Center for Missing and
Exploited Children endorsing SB 332

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AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN; AND TO RECORDS OF CERTAIN CHILDREN ENROLLED OR TRANSFERRED AS STUDENTS

Sectional Analysis

Section 14.30.700. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN.

When a child is declared missing, the Department of Public Safety will notify the school in which the child is currently or was previously enrolled to alert them of the child's disappearance. The school will then flag the child's record. If anyone requests a copy or information concerning the flagged record, the school will immediately report it to the Department of Public Safety. When a missing child has been found, the Department of Public Safety will notify the school(s) and the flag will be removed from the child's record.

Section 14.30.710. REQUIRED RECORDS UPON ENROLLMENT OR TRANSFER.

(a) When a child is enrolled for the first time in an elementary or secondary school in the state, the school will require a certified copy of the child's birth certificate as proof of identity which must be submitted to the school within 30 days after the child is enrolled. If the person enrolling a child fails to submit this documentation within the 30-day period, the school will notify the Department of Public Safety.

(b) When a child transfers to an elementary or secondary school the school will request directly from the child's previous school a certified copy of the child's record. The school shall request this documentation within 14 days after enrolling the child as a transfer student. An elementary or secondary school in this state requested to forward a copy of a transferring child's record to another school shall comply with the request within 10 days unless the child's record has been flagged under AS 14.30.700. A school may not forward a copy of a flagged record and shall notify the Dept. of Public Safety of the request.

Section 14.30.720. DEFINITION.

A child is defined as a person under 18 years of age.

Section 18.50.315. RECORDS OF MISSING CHILDREN.

(a) When a child born in the state is declared missing, the Department of Public Safety will notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Vital Statistics will then flag the birth certificate record of the missing child. When a missing child has been found, the Department of Public Safety will notify Vital Statistics and the flag will be removed from the birth certificate record.

(b) Vital Statistics may not provide a copy of a flagged birth certificate or information regarding a flagged birth certificate, except as provided in this section.

(c) When a copy of a flagged birth certificate is requested, the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall immediately notify Public Safety. If the request for information is made in person, the bureau will record the person's names, address, telephone number, and social security number, and will photocopy that person's driver's license.

(d) For purposes of this section, a child is defined as a person under 18 years of age.

Sec. 3. Adds a new subsection (d) to AS 47.10.141.

(d) Requires the Department of Public Safety to notify the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the disappearance and provide a description of a missing child born in Alaska. If the Department of Public Safety has reason to believe that a missing child (whether born in Alaska or not) has been enrolled in a specific Alaskan school, the department will also notify the last known school attended by the missing child of the disappearance. When a missing child is found the Department of Public Safety will notify Vital Statistics and any school which was previously informed of the child's disappearance.



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The Honorable Rick Uehling
Alaska State Legislature
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January 23, 1990

Dear Senator Uehling:

The National Center has recently received a copy of S.B. 332, entitled "An Act relating to records of missing children; and to records of certain children enrolled or transferred as students." This office was pleased to assist you in the development of this legislation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children strongly supports this type of legislation.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 1989

Senator Rick Uehling
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Dear Senator Uehling:

I am pleased to offer my support for your senate bill to provide for the flagging of school records of missing children.

Because most abducted children eventually are put in school, tracking the movement of school records is a proven tool in the search for missing children. Your bill requiring notification of the Department of Public Safety when the transfer of school records is requested would be an expeditious way to make even better use of this tool.

Thanks for your efforts on behalf of this important issue. If we can be of further assistance in support of your bill please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Zogg
Executive Director

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cc: State Senator Charles D. Cook, R-40
Assemblyman Maurice D. Hinchey, Jr., D-101