

HB

212

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MEMORANDUM

March 9, 1993

SUBJECT: House Bill 212 -- sectional analysis (Work Order No. 8-LS0780\A)

TO: Representative Eileen MacLean

FROM: Jack Chenoweth
Legislative Counsel

You have introduced House Bill 212 and, through staff, have asked me to prepare a sectional analysis of the measure.

To reduce or eliminate disparity in criminal sentences, the criminal procedure code, AS 12, subjects offenders convicted of certain specified crimes to presumptive sentences. Presumptive sentences may be extended or reduced if the sentencing judge, by a decision based on clear and convincing evidence, identifies factors in aggravation or factors in mitigation of the sentence. AS 12.55.155(c) identifies a series of factors to be considered by the court in aggravation or extension of a presumptive sentence. Bill section 1 amends AS 12.55.155(c)(18) by adding a new subparagraph under which the court may consider, as a factor in aggravation of a criminal sentence based on a conviction for sexual abuse of a minor in any degree (AS 11.41.434 - 11.41.440), evidence that the victim of the offense resided in the same household as the offender or evidence that the offender occupied a position of authority over the victim. The bill section offers a definition of the phrase "position of authority" by cross-reference to a definition of that term in the criminal code.

The criminal procedure code also provides for referral of certain criminal sentences by the sentencing judge to a three-judge sentencing panel. Under AS 12.55.165(a)

(a) If the defendant is subject to sentencing under [a presumptive sentencing provision] and the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that manifest injustice would result from . . . imposition of the presumptive term, whether or not adjusted for aggravating or mitigating factors, the court shall enter findings and conclusions and cause a record of the proceedings to be transmitted to a three-judge panel for sentencing under AS 12.55.175.

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

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However, subsection (b) of that section, added in 1992, limits the ability of the sentencing court to make a referral of a sentencing decision to a three-judge review panel in cases involving the application of certain aggravating factors. The amendment to AS 12.55.165(b) made by bill section 2 places the aggravating factor added in the previous bill section to the list of aggravating factors whose application would not allow a sentencing judge to make a referral to a sentencing panel.

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North Slope Borough School District



RESOLUTION 93-12
AMENDMENT TO TITLE ELEVEN
OF THE ALASKA STATUTES

WHEREAS the North Slope Borough School District is strongly committed to the education and safety of its students; and

WHEREAS the NSBSD and the people of Alaska entrust the education and safety of their students to the teachers of the State; and

WHEREAS a breach of that trust involving the sexual contact of a student by a teacher causes irreparable harm to the student and society and, further, undermines the educational mission of the NSBSD and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the NSBSD does not believe the criminal code sufficiently addresses sexual contact between a teacher and a student and, further, that likely punishments for teachers who have sexual contact with students who have been entrusted to them by the State and their families neither sufficiently reflects the trauma suffered by the student and society nor the intolerance which the people of the State of Alaska have for such conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NSBSD Board of Education strongly urges the Legislature of the State of Alaska to amend the criminal code (Title 11) so as to designate sexual contact of a student by a teacher as sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall take such action as is necessary to make known and urge the immediate adoption of this position of the NSBSD to the Legislature and the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Alaska Association of School Administrators

Introduced: 2/09/93

Adopted: 2/09/93

Edith Vorderstrasse
Edith Vorderstrasse, Acting President, Board of Education

Raf Aamodt
Raf Aamodt, Superintendent

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 212 (Jud)

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title: "An Act relating to a factor in aggravation
of the presumptive" BRU: Office of Public Advocacy
 Component: Office of Public Advocacy
 Sponsor: Rep. MacLean
 Requestor: (S) Jud COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 43

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year (FY94) cost: none

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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of the presumptive" BRU: Public Defender Agency
 Component: Public Defender Agency
 Sponsor: Rep. MacLean
 Requestor: (S) Jud COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year (FY94) cost: none

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Alaska Court System
 Title: Sentencing: aggravating factors BRU: Trial Courts
 Components: _____
 Sponsor: Reps. Maclean, Ulmer
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 768

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)


1002 Federal Receipts -						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0


POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY 94) cost: \$ None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
No fiscal impact.

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 Agency: Alaska Court System

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Revision Date: December 14, 1993
Title: "An Act relating to a factor in aggravation of the presumptive term of a criminal sentence."
Sponsor: Representative MacLean
Requestor: Governor's Office

Department Affected: Department of Law
BRU: Prosecution
Component: All
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0085 through 0090

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND &						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: -0-

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
Please see the attached analysis.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION:

The Judiciary Committee Substitute for HB 212 amends AS 12.55.155(c) to provide that when the offense was felony sexual abuse of a minor and when the offender occupied a position of authority in relation to the victim, the sentencing court shall consider these factors and may aggravate the presumptive term set out in AS 12.55.125. The bill also amends AS 12.55.165(b) to provide that a court may not refer a case to a three judge panel based on the defendant's potential for rehabilitation if the court finds that either of these same factors is present. These sentencing provisions occur after the conviction of a defendant and, therefore, there should not be a fiscal impact for the Department of Law.