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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. HCR 4**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Relating to records generated and maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services  
 Sponsor: Rep. Kelly  
 Requestor: House (HES)

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services  
 BRU: Family and Youth Services  
 Component: DFYS Central Office  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 259  
 See also (SN#): 252,253,255,258,264,2134

**Expenditures/Revenues:**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGES IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please specify)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: \$0.0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution as currently drafted has no fiscal impact on the department because the Division of Family and Youth Services already maintains separate records for CINA and delinquency cases, even when such cases pertain to the same minor. However, we are aware that the sponsor's intent is to ask the administration to make whatever changes are required to allow for some public disclosure of juvenile records, and the financial impact of that action is outlined below.

The Division of Family and Youth Services currently receives approximately \$7.5 M in federal funds as reimbursement for foster care and administrative services provided to Children in Need of Aid (CINA) and Delinquents. Federal law prohibits disclosure of information regarding DFYS clients except in certain circumstances. In order to disclose information on juvenile offenders as desired by the sponsor while minimizing the loss of federal funds, the division must revise the organizational and financial structure of the agency to clearly separate costs and services associated with juvenile offenders from those associated with CINA's. DFYS must then discontinue claiming federal reimbursement for those costs and services. This restructuring will

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**ANALYSIS (cont.):**

preserve the majority of federal receipts but will still result in some reductions which must be replaced by general funds. That loss in federal funds and the costs associated with the restructuring are reflected on the attached spreadsheet.

In addition to the ability to disclose information, the division will be able to improve the consistency, coordination, and quality of services provided to communities and offenders by more clearly focusing the leadership provided to the youth corrections section.

**Total Costs Involved Due to Disclosure of Juvenile Information**

	<u>IVE Revenue</u> <u>Loss</u>	<u>Cost of</u> <u>Restructure</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
SERO	\$44,227.00	(\$8,800.00)	\$35,427.00
SCRO	\$157,505.00	(\$18,400.00)	\$139,105.00
NRO	\$113,770.00	(\$212,200.00)	(\$98,430.00)
CO	\$80,000.00	\$120,800.00	\$200,800.00
Probation		\$482,800.00	\$482,800.00
MYC		(\$24,100.00)	(\$24,100.00)
FC	\$18,554.00		\$18,554.00
RCC	\$284,115.00		\$284,115.00
	\$698,171.00	\$339,700.00	\$1,037,871.00

**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT**

(7)  
Date Referred to Committee: January 13, 1997

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 1/28/97

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

SEPARATE RECORDS FOR DELINQUENTS & CINA

Relating to records generated and maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services.

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] the same title  
[ ] a new title

[ ] additional referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee  
[ ] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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② [ X ] zero fiscal note(s) Admin, H+SS

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 Requestor: (H) HES

Department Affected: Administration  
 BRU: Public Defender Agency  
 Component: Public Defender Agency  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The resolution requests the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Social Services to separate existing and future CINA and delinquency records. There is no fiscal impact on the Public Defender Agency.

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### Sponsor Statement House Concurrent Resolution 4

Separating DFYS CINA records from criminal records of minors.

Federal laws relating to minors require confidentiality of records relating to abused children. Because children involved in troubled homes often go on to commit criminal acts DFYS has maintained one set of records for minors under its child abuse and delinquency jurisdiction. This legislation allows the administration to develop separate criminal records in a manner that will best prevent the loss of significant federal funding sources.

# Data Summary

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The mission of the Division of Family and Youth Services is to protect children at risk of abuse and neglect and to rehabilitate juvenile offenders while providing community protection.

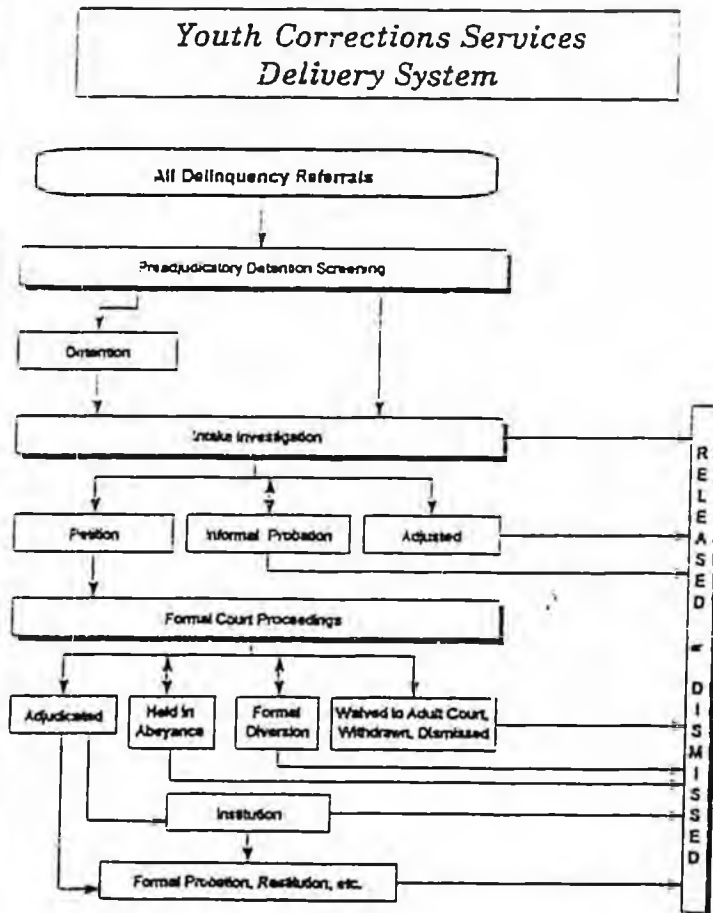
## ALASKA'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

DFYS reduces or prevents delinquency by meeting the needs of youthful offenders in a manner consistent with protection of the public. To accomplish this DFYS provides the following services:

- Juvenile delinquency prevention
- Screening referrals
- Short-term detention of preadjudicated youth
- Investigation of alleged offenses
- Identification of each youth's and family's strengths and needs
- Legal intervention
- Informal and formal probation
- Out-of-home placement
- Long-term confinement/treatment for adjudicated offenders

Figure 1 illustrates the DFYS portion of Alaska's juvenile justice system.

Figure 1



As Figure 1 illustrates, there are four principal decision points in the DFYS youth corrections delivery system: referral, preadjudicatory detention screening, intake investigation, and court proceedings.

A delinquency referral is the juvenile's initial point of entry into the DFYS youth corrections delivery system. A referral is a law enforcement report to DFYS of criminal conduct on the part of a juvenile.

Preadjudicatory detention screening is the process of determining if preadjudicatory detention is appropriate for those youth for whom it has been requested as part of the law enforcement referral. There are five possible outcomes in the detention screening process: Detention, Released, Emergency Placement, Attendant Care Shelter, and Not Requested. During the analysis period, 18.5% of all referrals were accompanied by a request for detention.

Once DFYS receives a referral that includes a request for detention, DFYS performs a detention determination. The detention determination considers a number of factors in determining if detention is in the juvenile's and community's best interest. Some examples are: severity of the offense, imminent harm to the juvenile or community, a history of violent conduct on the part of the juvenile, and whether or not the crime contains elements of serious physical harm. DFYS determined that secure Detention was appropriate for 77.6% of these referrals.

The purpose of the intake investigation is to determine if the referral is legally sufficient to support the filing of a court petition. If DFYS determines that sufficiency exists, the agency gathers information to determine the type of action that would best serve both the juvenile and the public. There are six possible investigation outcomes: In Process, Adjusted, Dismissed, Detention Screen Only, Informal Probation, and Petition.

Court proceedings result from DFYS filing a formal petition for adjudication of a juvenile. Each referral that resulted in an investigation outcome of Petition will have a court proceedings decision. The seven possible court proceeding decisions are: In Process, Dismissed, Diverted, Held in Abeyance, Adjudicated, Withdrawn, and Waived.

Although it is not specifically delineated in Figure 1, youth corrections supervision plays a very large role in the DFYS youth corrections delivery system, thus, we have included these records in this analysis.

Supervision of a juvenile is established as a result of a formal probation agreement, diversion agreement, acceptance of interstate supervision, a court disposition order, or an order for probation without adjudication. This analysis compares the initial supervision level that was assigned to the juvenile for each supervision episode that occurred during the analysis period. There are seven possible supervision levels: Maximum Probation, Medium Probation, Minimum Probation, Informal Probation, Residential Care, Correctional Institution, and Out-of-State Institution.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Figure 1

