

HB

180

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title: BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CHILD SERVICE PROVIDERS BRU: Family and Youth Services
 Component: Front Line Social Workers

Sponsor: MCGUIRE
 Requestor: HOUSE (HES) Component Number: 2305

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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 EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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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						
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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: _____

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

For the Department of Health and Social Services, the intent of this proposed legislation is to amend AS 47.35, which governs the licensing of foster homes, residential child care facilities, child placement agencies, child treatment facilities and maternity homes.

This proposed legislation also is intended to bring the current statute into compliance with federal licensing requirements in the areas of prohibited crimes and provides standards for mandatory denial of licenses and guidelines that allow for the discretion of the department in making some licensing decisions.

Should this bill become law, the department does not anticipate any fiscal impact.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 180

"An Act relating to persons who provide services related to children; establishing a legislative task force on child services."

In order to continually seek ways to better protect Alaska's children in certain child care facilities, precautions must be taken in order to ensure that they are being supervised by individuals who are qualified, professional, and committed to their professional growth.

HB 180 conforms to the Adoption & Safe Families Act (ASFA) passed by Congress in 1997, which takes further steps to promote safety and permanence of children.

HB 180 brings current statutes into compliance with federal licensing requirements in the areas of prohibited crimes and provides standards for mandatory denial of licenses to foster homes, residential childcare facilities, residential psychiatric treatment centers, child placement agencies and maternity homes. HB 180 limits the State from approving or licensing any person that has been convicted of a felony involving child abuse or neglect, spousal abuse, a crime against a child, a crime involving violence and other offenses. HB 180 also requires licensed providers to notify the department if they discover that an administrator, member of their household, foster parent, volunteer or staff person has been convicted of any serious offense.

HB 180 also creates a "Task Force" to research the topic of criminal background checks for other entities that provide services to children.

HB 180 seeks to shield children from those who have past records of misconduct. HB 180 not only protects children, but also deters those individuals who have a history of misconduct from pursuing similar behavior in the future.

Sponsor Statement

Summary for CS for HB 180

This bill makes amendments to AS 47.35, the department's licensing statutes and provides for a legislative task force on child services.

This proposed legislation is intended to bring the current statute into compliance with federal licensing requirements in the areas of prohibited crimes and provides standards for mandatory denial of licenses and guidelines that allow for the discretion of the department in making some licensing decisions.

Section 1 – The proposed amendment in this section of the bill would allow the department to recognize licenses issued by other entities that have state or federal licensing authority.

Examples of this are municipalities, tribes and child placement agencies. Child placement agencies currently perform all the same licensing functions as the department. The intent of this amendment is to be able to increase the number of foster homes available for children.

Section 2 – This section clarifies the requirement that school district and other educational entities that provide residential type programs for students where there is 24-hour care, are subject to licensure by the department.

Section 3 – The purpose of this new section is to bring the current statute into compliance with federal licensing requirements in the areas of prohibited crimes and provides standards for mandatory denial of licenses.

Federal law states that the state may not approve or license any prospective foster or adoptive parent, the prospective foster or adoptive parent has been convicted of a felony involving: (1) Child abuse or neglect; (2) Spousal abuse; (3) A crime against a child or children (including child pornography); or, (4) A crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery.

In addition, the state may not approve or license any prospective foster or adoptive parent if foster or adoptive parent has, within the last five years, been convicted of a felony involving: (1) Physical assault; (2) Battery; or, (3) A drug-related offense.

Section 4 –adds a new section to AS 47.35, which discusses additional offenses, not listed in the federal requirements, under which the state would have the discretion to deny or not issue a license.

Sections 5 and 6 – These sections repeal and reenact AS 47.35.022 regarding foster care placement. It essentially incorporates the proposed new sections into existing statutes.

Section 7 – This section incorporates the new AS 47.35.19 regarding denials into the guidelines for making emergency placements. In addition, the department may revoke an emergency license if background checks indicate the existence of any discretionary offenses identified in the new AS 47.35.021.

Section 8 – clarifies that before issuing a biennial license, the department needs to make sure that no situation exists that would result in a revocation or suspension of a license.

Section 9 –the department may not issue a variance if a background check indicates a conviction for a criminal offense listed in new AS. 47.35.19.

Section 10 – clarifies that before renewing a biennial license, the department needs to make sure that no situation exists that would result in a revocation or suspension of a license.

Section 11 – This section amends AS 47.35.047(b) which requires licensed providers to notify the department if they discover that an administrator, member of their household, foster parent, volunteer or staff person has been convicted of, charged with or is under investigation for any serious offense. The amendment incorporates the newly added sections AS 47.35 019 and 47.35.021.

Section 12 –covers grounds for the revocation or nonrenewal of an existing license. It restructures the existing statute by incorporating the new sections to AS 47.35 and adds suspension to the actions the department may take.

Section 13 adds a subsection to allow licensed providers to continue operating if an employee discloses a serious offense, provided the employer takes immediate

action , including notice to the department to ensure the health and safety of the children.

Section 14 – implements a legislative task force on children’s services

Section 15 - allows the department to develop and adopt any regulations necessary to implement the new statutes and allows for the new statute to take effect July 1, 2002.

Bill History/Action Display



BILL: HB 180

SHORT TITLE: YOUTH SERVICES:
REGULATION & TASK FORCE

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STATUS DATE: 04/30/02

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TITLE: "An Act relating to persons who provide services related to children; establishing a legislative task force on child services; and providing for an effective date."

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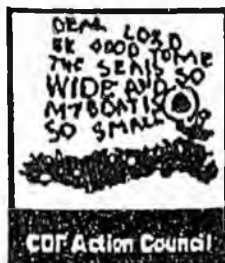


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Issue Basics

Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA)

What is the Adoption and Safe Families Act?

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), Public Law 105-89, was enacted in November 1997 with bipartisan support. ASFA amends the 1980 Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act by taking further steps to promote safety and permanence for children who have been alleged or determined to be abused and/or neglected. Congress and the Administration were especially concerned about reports that children were being left in, or returned from foster care to, unsafe family situations and that an estimated 100,000 children were in foster care waiting for adoptive families. ASFA includes a number of specific provisions that require or provide incentives for states to change policies and practices to better promote children's safety and adoption or other permanency options. ASFA also requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) to prepare several reports to assist Congress in making future decisions on behalf of children in the child welfare system. ASFA provides a unique opportunity to begin to move children who have been lingering in foster care without permanent plans into permanent homes. By clearing the system of these cases, the child welfare system should better be able to respond to children just entering care so they and their families can get the help they need and prompt permanency decisions can be made.

What does ASFA do to help keep children safe?

ASFA enhances children's safety by:

- Specifying that a child's health and safety must be paramount when decisions are made about the initial removal of a child from his or her home, the return home, and the care a child receives while in foster care or in an adoptive family.
- Clarifying that there is nothing in federal law requiring that a child remain in or be returned to an unsafe home. Federal law requires that state child welfare agencies make reasonable efforts to prevent the unnecessary placement of children in foster care and to reunify children in foster care with their families. ASFA includes specific examples where it would not be reasonable to require services to reunify children with their families and invites states to establish others in state law, if they have not already. The situations specified in ASFA where reasonable efforts are not required include where a court determines that a parent has committed murder or voluntary manslaughter of another of his/her children or a felony assault that results in serious bodily injury to his/her child; a parent has subjected the child to aggravated circumstances as defined in state law; or the parental rights to a sibling of the child have been involuntarily terminated.

What are the primary ways that ASFA promotes adoption and other permanency options for children?

ASFA intends to promote adoption and other permanency options by:

- Establishing expedited timeliness for deterr

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enter foster care can be moved into

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January 31, 2002

Representative Lesli McGuire
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative McGuire:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing House Bill 180 (22-LS0642\O) requiring child service providers to obtain criminal background checks for child service workers.

The APOA State Board of Directors recently met and after discussing proposed legislation, decided to unanimously support this bill.

We believe that this legislation will provide additional protection for children who are supervised, trained or treated by a child services worker, while at the same time protecting the disclosure rights of the child services applicant.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Leo Brandlen
State President

cc: Rep. Lisa Murkowski
Rep. Fred Dyson

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ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HOMES FOR CHILDREN

February 1, 2001

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative McGuire:

At the annual meeting of the Alaska Association of Homes for Children held in Juneau on January 28-30, the Association voted to endorse and support House Bill 180, which you introduced.

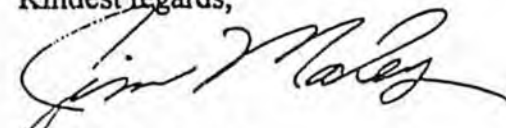
The Association is very supportive of any efforts which will increase the protection of children against predators. Your legislation, which increases and expands the requirements for criminal background checks will serve to do this.

I understand that you are currently reviewing the scope and language of the bill as currently written in order to further clarify the intent of the legislation. All of the member providers of the Alaska Association of Homes for Children currently conduct criminal background checks on all employees and volunteers in our respective agencies. We would like to offer our technical resources and expertise to your staff in this review and modification of the bill.

If we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at Alaska Children's Services. I may be reached by E-mail at <akchild@ak.net> or by phone at 346-2101.

Thank you very much for your interest and concern for Alaska's children.

Kindest regards,



Jim Maley, Chair

AAHC Legislative Committee

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The Bethel Group Home
Bethel, Alaska

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Ketchikan, Alaska

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Fairbanks, Alaska

The Salvation Army
Booth Memorial Home
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Youth Advocates of Sitka
Sitka, Alaska

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Juneau, Alaska

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Anchorage, Alaska

Residential Child Care Agencies Serving the Needs of Alaska's Youth

Subject: Re: Fw: HB 180

Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2002 12:32:23 -0900

From: "Lorrie Lundquist" <lundquist@gci.net>

To: "Representative Lesil McGuire" <Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>

Your question I think maybe should be restated to say, why shouldn't we require the entire state of Alaska be submitted to background checks if there is a possibility to be working with children alone.....it is a law for getting liscensing for day care centers, teaching, we should include any service where children are being taken care of....obviously it is going to be taken to the extreme in order to try and counter the logic of this bill, but, it is a very inexpensive insurance policy to have to pay vs. the extreme emotional and financial expenses of dealing with a child abuse victim for the family, the community, and the state. I would push this bill big time...what can I do to help?

----- Original Message -----

From: Representative Lesil McGuire

To: Lorrie Lundquist

Cc: Representative Andrew Halcro ; Sue Stancliff@legis.state.ak.us ; David Brewster ; jfb1@alaska.net

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 12:18 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: HB 180

Dear Lorrie,

Thank you so much for taking the time to offer your support on HB 180. I want to let you know that we are hard at work on this bill here in my office to clear up the constitutional issues that were in question.

The basic problem is how to require background checks for child care providers and those who have the opportunity to be in a position of authority alone with children, coaches, etc., without making the entire State of Alaska be submitted to background checks. In its current form, I am confident the courts would throw this bill out on grounds of being overly broad. So, what we are trying to do is find ways to narrowly tailor it in such a way that it would be held up and our children would be afforded this additional protection.

The fact is, we know that convicted child molesters frequently re-seek opportunities to place themselves in positions of authority and control over children. Requiring background checks is a small inconvenience and cost to pay to protect our children from known predators.

Thank you so much for your interest and we will keep you in the loop!

-Warm regards, Lesil McGuire

Lorrie Lundquist wrote:

Dear Rep McGuire:I wanted to make contact with you and inquire about any further information you could add about HB 180 that you introduced last session. Thank you so much for introducing it and I want to be part of any further support that I could offer to assist in its passing. Please refer to enclosed correspondence already written regarding my interest in this bill. Thanks so much for your time and energy in bringing this bill to the legislature! Hope to make contact with you.Lorrie Lundquist MEd

----- Original Message -----

From: Lorrie Lundquist

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CC: <james.brown@ktuu.com>

To All,

I highly support what Jack Bowen is trying to accomplish here. As a coach and father of two active girls involved in multiple sports, this is easy legislation to enact for their protection. The cost of required background checks is nothing compared to that paid by victims of these preventable crimes.

Sincerely,

Kevin Smiley
10846 Goodpaster Circle
Eagle River, AK 99577

Original by Jack Bowen sent 19 February:

To All Alaska State Legislators:

I don't know if you have noticed but in the past weeks there have been several TV news broadcasts and articles in the Anchorage Daily News that relate to:

SEXUAL CONTACT, DRUG CHARGES or HOMICIDE by an Adult to a Minor.

Is this unusual? No!

If you look at the last several years many of the youth of our community (The State of Alaska) have been assaulted by or became the victims of predators.

Who did this?

Anchorage - Teacher / Hockey Coach, Sexual contact.

Anchorage - Teacher / Band Instructor, Bartlett High School, Sexual contact.

Homer - Fire Chief, Sexual contact.

Wasilla - Teacher - 3rd degree Sexual Abuse of a minor (2-9-01).

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I agree and support this legislation. Jack has a point...this is a no BRAINER!

Thank you.

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As a father of two, I fully support this bill. Please press forward and do the right thing,

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In a message dated Tue, 23 Apr 2002 2:27:26 AM Eastern Daylight Time, Jack Bowen

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It appears that legislation will be introduced within the next week to require background checks for individuals who work with the youth of our

please email your friends and neighbors to email the Alaska State Legislature to support this proposed law. It is very important that the legislature receive notification of your support and our unity to require background checks.

I will forward copies of this legislate am soon as I receive it.

Thank You,
Jack Bowen

PS: The email list of the Legislature is now correct. I think!

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Dear Senators and Representatives:

It is my understanding that legislation will be introduced next week addressing the issue of background checks for those who work with the youth of our communities. I am writing to request your support for background checks for individuals who work with our children. There have been many instances in past years which give evidence that people who are drawn to work with children are not always drawn by right motives. A background check would possibly be a deterrent to those with wrong intentions, and give parents a bit more peace of mind about who is working with their children. As the saying goes, more is "caught" than "taught" when it comes to children. The benefit of good role models cannot be overstated. Please support legislation that protects the children of our community.

Thank you!

Lael Marlow

background check requirement support]

Subject: [Fwd: Background check requirement support]

Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 15:50:12 -0900

From: Representative Lesil McGuire <Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

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Subject: Background check requirement support

Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 12:10:56 EST

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To All Alaska State Legislators,

Background check requirement:

As a parent, a coach, a concerned citizen, a taxpayer, and a voter in every election:
Please work this through to completion in a short time frame. The youth of Alaska need

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Dear Jack,

Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication in this matter. I along with many other Alaskans greatly appreciate your efforts. I know that this is a subject very close to your heart, and that is what will make all the difference in the world. I only wish there would have been someone like you out there on my side when I was a youngster. As a victim of sexual abuse at the age of 9 while at YMCA summer camp, I know all too well about the scares that stay with us our entire lives. I won't get into the gory details at this time, but if you need me to testify, just let me know. Change will only come about if those who have been hurt are willing to speak

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please help!

You have the power to make the changes necessary!

Why wouldn't you?

It's up to you now, do something!

I'm available any time.

Jay N. Goold
Anchorage
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Cc: <james.brown@ktuu.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2001 11:14 AM
Subject: Re: Background Checks

> This should be a REQUIREMENT!! Please consider enacting this as law.

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> Thank you,

> Marcey Lyons

> Youth sports coach and parent of 2 minor daughters

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PLEASE, if your going to support any bills, support this one.

Thank you,

Tim Twohy

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ALASKA SENATORS and REPRESENTATIVES

While in the US Post Office I was looking through some papers hanging on the wall. I thought you might like to learn more about what I saw.

DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON

WANTED BY THE FBI

William Dan Yater

DOB: 7/20/67	Eyes: Hazel	Height: 6'-4"
Place of Birth: Rochelle, Illinois		Weight: 175

SSN Used: 332-74-0149 Driver's License Used: Illinois # Y360-9246-7206

Occupation: Clerk, Janitor, Factory Worker

Criminal Convictions: Aggravated Sexual Assault

Remarks: Yater has been arrested and convicted of child molestation. Yater portrays himself as a religious person. He may use church activities to gain trust with potential victims' parents. Yater has said he likes boys under 10 because they are easier to scare not to tell.

Very soon there will be a bill introduced into the Alaska State Legislature to require Background Checks on all people who work or are volunteers for youth groups. This bill, if enacted into law, will help keep predators and child molesters like William Dan Yater from having access to our children.

Please show your support and vote to enact needed legislation to protect our children.

The child you protect may be yours.

Thank you for your time,
Jack Bowen

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I support this bill.

Jay Goold
Anchorage, AK
Registered Voter.

— Original Message —

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Our children are our greatest resource. They are innocent. We have a responsibility as adults to protect our children best as we can. By passing this bill, we will have come 1 step closer to making sure our children are safe from predators. Please help protect our children.