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FISCAL NOTE

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 Title An Act relating to offenses against unborn RDU Statewide Support
children Component Alaska Criminal Records
 Sponsor Senator Dyson and Identification
 Requester House Judiciary Committee Component No. 1190

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 ()						
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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 (Specify Type—Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill creates new sections in Title 11 regarding unborn children and the crimes of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, and assault.

This bill will require updates to the Uniform Offense Citation Table (UOCT), the list of criminal offenses that is maintained by the Department of Public Safety and used by many agencies. However, this is routine maintenance, and will not result in any fiscal impact on the Department.

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 Title An act relating to offenses against unborn children. RDU Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component Public Defender Agency
 Sponsor Senator Dyson
 Requester (H) JUD Component No. 43

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel						
Contractual	*	*	*	*	*	*
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CHANGE 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 (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation creates numerous felony offenses for death or harm done to unborn child. To the extent individuals may be charged with offenses under this legislation that would not have been previously charged, this would increase appointments to the Agency and have a fiscal impact. It is, however, not possible to predict with any accuracy any such increase in cost; thus an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

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 Title: An act relating to offenses against unborn children. RDU: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component: Office of Public Advocacy
 Sponsor: Senator Dyson
 Requester: (H) JUD Component No. 43

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Service	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel						
Contractual	*	*	*	*	*	*
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	*	*	*	*	*	*
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type—Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation creates numerous felony offenses for death or harm done to unborn child. To the extent individuals may be charged with offenses under this legislation that would previously not had been charged, this may increase appointments to OPA and have a fiscal impact on the agency. However, it is not possible to predict with any accuracy any such increase in cost; thus an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

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 Title Offenses Against Unborn Children RDU Alaska Court System
 Component Trial Courts
 Sponsor Senator Dyson Component No. _____
 Requester _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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

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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The court system does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the passage of CSSB20(2d JUD). This bill creates new crimes against unborn children. Although these new crimes will likely result in new or enhanced prosecutions coming before the court system, absent evidence that there will be a significant number of these cases the court will be able to address them with existing resources.

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 Agency: Alaska Court System

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 Title "An Act relating to offenses against unborn children." RDU Institutional Facilities
 Component Institution Director's Office
 Sponsor Senator Dyson
 Requester House Judicial Component No. 524

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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

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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
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type—Do not abbreviate)	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 any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Due to the small number of potential criminal cases that may be impacted by the proposed changes in the bill, passage of this legislation is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

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SENATOR FRED DYSON

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 20—*"An Act relating to offenses against unborn children."*

In recent years, several high-profile cases from across the nation have highlighted the need for laws protecting unborn victims of criminal violence. Perhaps, most notably, the tragic deaths of Laci and Conner Peterson have focused much-needed attention on this critically important issue. Currently, thirty states provide some degree of protection for unborn victims of violence. Many legal challenges have been brought against state unborn victims laws, based on Roe and other constitutional arguments, but state and federal courts have rejected all such challenges.

Recently, a publicized case in Michigan has the citizens of the state closely evaluating Michigan laws and the related ethical implications. A 16 year old, who was entitled to get a legal abortion, had her boyfriend beat her stomach with a miniature baseball bat over the course of three weeks until she miscarried the baby. A similar scenario is playing out in the State of Texas.

SB 20 amends the Alaska Criminal Code to afford protection to an unborn child at a level that is reasonably equivalent to protection afforded to live born persons in comparable circumstances. Nothing in this law shall apply to legal abortion or to usual and customary medical practice related to pregnancy. This bill also defines "unborn child" within the criminal statutes.

In 2004, the U.S. Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, and President Bush subsequently signed the bill into law. This federal law recognizes that when a person attacks a pregnant woman, and injures or kills her unborn child, the attacker has harmed two victims. It is narrowly drafted in that it only applies when death or injury of an unborn child is the result of a federal crime. The federal act does not supersede state unborn victim laws, nor does it impose such a state law on a state, like Alaska, that has not yet acted.

Pregnant women who have been harmed by violence, and their families, know that there are two victims -- the mother and the unborn child -- and that both victims should be protected by law. Pregnant women are already protected by Alaska Criminal Code. SB 20 affords similar protection to unborn victims.

Updated 3/17/05

Section 1: A new section:

- 11.41.150 Defines Murder of an unborn child that contains the elements of criminal code applicable to First and Second Degree murder. Murder of an unborn child is established as an unclassified felony.
- 11.41.160 Defines Manslaughter of an unborn child and establishes it as a Class A felony.
- 11.41.170 Defines Criminally negligent homicide of an unborn child and establishes it as a Class B felony.
- 11.41.180 Exempts the applicability of this Section to legal abortion and medical treatment related to pregnancy.

Section 2: A new section:

- 11.41.280 Defines Assault of an unborn child in the first degree and establishes it as a Class A felony.
- 11.41.282 Defines Assault of an unborn child in the second degree and defines it as a Class B felony.
- 11.41.289 Exempts the applicability of this Section to legal abortion and medical treatment related to pregnancy.

Section 3: Amends AS 11.81.250(a) to include "Murder of an unborn child" in the list of other serious crimes that are considered unclassified for purposes of sentencing.

Section 4: Amends AS 11.81.250(b) to include "Murder of an unborn child" in the list of other serious unclassified crimes that is exempted from being classified in the section that defines them.

Section 5: Defines "unborn child" to mean a member of the species Homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb.

Section 6: Amends 12.55.035(b) to include "Murder of an unborn child" in the list of other unclassified crimes for purposes of setting a guideline for fines.

Section 7: Amends 12.55.125(a) to include "Murder of an unborn child" as defined in AS 11.41.150(a)(1) with murder in the first degree for purposes of determining the imprisonment guideline for sentencing.

Section 8: Amends 12.55.125(b) to include "Murder of an unborn child" as defined in AS 11.41.150(a)(2)-(4) with murder in the second degree for purposes of determining the imprisonment guideline for sentencing.

Definitions

A person acts "**intentionally**" with respect to a result described by a provision of law defining an offense when the person's conscious objective is to cause that result; when intentionally causing a particular result is an element of an offense, that intent need not be the person's only objective;

A person acts "**knowingly**" with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a provision of law defining an offense when the person is aware that the conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists; when knowledge of the existence of a particular fact is an element of an offense, that knowledge is established if a person is aware of a substantial probability of its existence, unless the person actually believes it does not exist; a person who is unaware of conduct or a circumstance of which the person would have been aware had that person not been intoxicated acts knowingly with respect to that conduct or circumstance;

A person acts "**recklessly**" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a provision of law defining an offense when the person is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the result will occur or that the circumstance exists; the risk must be of such a nature and degree that disregard of it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation; a person who is unaware of a risk of which the person would have been aware had that person not been intoxicated acts recklessly with respect to that risk;

A person acts with "**criminal negligence**" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a provision of law defining an offense when the person fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the result will occur or that the circumstance exists; the risk must be of such a nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

"**extreme indifference**" Undefined and used only for second degree murder and first degree assault, both times in reference to the value of human life.

"**serious physical injury**" means (A) physical injury caused by an act performed under circumstances that create a substantial risk of death; or (B) physical injury that causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, protracted loss or impairment of the function of a body member or organ, or that unlawfully terminates a pregnancy.

"**dangerous instrument**" means any deadly weapon or anything that, under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury;