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**JUVENILE**  
**FACILITIES**  
**AND PROGRAMS**  
**1964**

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS APPLICABLE TO THE  
ENCLOSED MATERIAL

1. DELINQUENT YOUTH:

The use of the term "Delinquent Youth" refers to a person under the age of 18 years who as the result of a Juvenile Court Hearing, has been found delinquent under the Juvenile Court Law.

2. DETENTION OF JUVENILE:

The term "Detention" has reference to the temporary holding of a child pending a court hearing or post court planning. Ideally it should'nt exceed two weeks at the maximum. During detention, a treatment program as such is not undertaken.

3. DETENTION PROGRAMING:

Although detention is for a short period of time, children detained should have some constructive programing. There should be some facilities to promote their continued schooling, recreational activities, and some type of constructive energy releasing activities.

4. TREATMENT OF JUVENILES:

This term has reference to the long term care of juveniles as against short term care for detention. A treatment program involves constructive physical activities, as well as programs aimed at personality and emotional growth in a controlled environment. Treatment realistically could be from several weeks to several years.

5. PLACEMENT:

This term has reference to care of the Juvenile in other than his own home. It might be care in a foster home, a relative's home, or an institution.

6. MAXIMUM SECURITY:

In relation to the Juvenile Treatment Center, Maximum Security means the restraint necessary to hold a minor in an institution. This may be accomplished by the physical environment or by staff supervision or a combination of the two. It should not be confused with iron bars, reinforced concrete cells etc. found in adult penitentiaries.

Introduced: 3/13/64  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a report on juvenile  
6 detention facilities and programs.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS the Legislature shares and reflects the interest and  
9 concern regarding the general public for an adequate program for  
10 detention and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders; and

11 WHEREAS the Legislature must concern itself with financing and  
12 authorizing construction and rehabilitation programs to meet  
13 current and anticipated needs in this field; and

14 WHEREAS timely decisions and action by the executive and  
15 legislative branches of the government must of necessity be based  
16 on a survey of the type and location of appropriate facilities  
17 needed for present and future use and the value of programs or  
18 alternative programs of benefit to the youth concerned and the  
19 state;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed,  
21 with the cooperation of other state agencies concerned, to explore  
22 the present and anticipated need for juvenile detention facilities  
23 in the state and the types of suggested programs for rehabilitation  
24 of juvenile offenders including resource conservation and recre-  
25 ational site construction and maintenance programs, and report its

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November 4, 1964

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January 26, 1965

Honorable Mike Gravel  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Re: Location of Facilities to be Determined by the  
Legislature under provisions of Ch. 118, SLA 1964

On November 3, 1964, the voters of the state approved Bonding Proposition No. 2 which authorizes the "acquiring, construction and equipping of state buildings for use by the Youth and Adult Authority and the Department of Health and Welfare at locations to be determined by the legislature...." (Ch. 118, SLA 1964) Following the approval of the bonding proposal the Legislative Council solicited the views of the Department of Health and Welfare and state and local government officials concerned with juvenile problems.

The Department of Health and Welfare consulted with the Departments of Administration, Law, and Public Works on the matter and submitted the following report:

"It is the recommendation of this Department, concurred in by other Departments concerned, that approximately two million of the funds be committed for construction of a jail in Fairbanks and the remainder be committed for construction of a juvenile detention and treatment facility in Anchorage. Exact locations must of course wait upon engineering studies when funds become available for that purpose. I am also attaching a tentative schedule for construction of these facilities furnished by the Department of Public Works."

The comments of other agencies and officials are on file in the offices of the Legislative Council and are at the disposal of the standing committees considering the subject of juvenile facility location and juvenile rehabilitation programs.

Sincerely,

John C. Doyle  
Executive Director



# ALASKA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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~~HAZEL BERGEN~~  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 15, 1965

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

John C. Doyle, Executive Director  
Alaska Legislative Council  
Box 2199  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Doyle:

It is the understanding of the Alaska Education Association that the Legislative Council has for review the recommendations of the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare concerning juvenile facilities being planned for Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Our Association urges that early consideration be given the proposal submitted by the Department of Health and Welfare. As educators, we believe that it is imperative for the legislature to act as soon as possible so that construction of badly needed facilities can get underway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan M. Gilliam  
AEA Legislative Representative

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# House Committee Hears Youth, Adult Director

JUNEAU (AP)—The director of the Division of Youth and Adult Authority said Saturday one juvenile study and treatment facility would go far towards relieving pressures in jails throughout the state.

Charles W. Pfeiffer also told the House Finance Committee one such juvenile facility would also provide a civilized approach to juveniles and their problems

"You coop youngsters up very long without anything to do and they're going to explode," Pfeiffer said, "and the police just aren't going to be able to cope with them."

"We all know that our juvenile detention facilities in jails throughout the state stink. But if we had a facility for treatment and rehabilitation, hold

a child in detention at the jails for a short period of time wouldn't hurt much.

"It's the long periods of detention with nothing to do that tear a kid up—and the jails up."

Committee Chairman Harold D. Strandberg, R-Anchorage, had asked Pfeiffer to outline what would



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SUMMARY ON BONDING PROPOSITION NO. 2

SUBMITTED BY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

YOUTH AND ADULT AUTHORITY

The following narrative is an effort to bring together the facts and information underlying and supporting Bonding Proposition No. 2 which was recently passed.

Bonding Proposition No. 2 (Chapter 118 SLA 1964) has been approved by the voters on the ballot November 3, 1964.

Thus, \$5,000,000 will be available for constructing Health and Welfare Facilities, location to be determined by the Legislature.

The Bill placing the Bond Issue on the ballot was passed during the closing days of the last Legislature. The passage of this Bill appeared to be mainly based on needs which were revealed throughout the State in the area of detention and treatment of juveniles.

While the Legislature was in session, various questions were raised by Committees and the Legislature in general, as well as Administration, pertaining to the various needs in the area of the care of juveniles. As a result of these inquiries, a Capitol Improvement Priority List dated March 12, 1964, was developed (Attachment #1). This list