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Chapter No.

HCSB 371

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## AN ACT

Relating to child protection; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 47.17.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) In all actions taken by the department or a health and social services agency of a local government under this chapter that result in a judicial proceeding, the child shall be represented by a guardian ad litem in that proceeding.

\* Sec. 2. AS 47.17.040(b) is amended to read:

(b) Investigation reports and reports of harm filed under this chapter are considered confidential and are not subject to public inspection and copying under AS 09.25.110 and 09.25.120. However, in accordance with department regulations, investigation reports may be used by appropriate governmental agencies with child-protection functions, inside and outside Alaska, in connection with investigations or judicial proceedings involving child abuse, neglect, or custody. A person, not acting in accordance with department regulations, who makes public information contained in confidential reports is guilty of a misdemeanor.

\* Sec. 3. AS 47.17.070(1) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

(1) "child abuse or neglect" means the physical injury, sexual abuse, or maltreatment of a child under the age of eighteen by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby.

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\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

Approved by governor: June 20, 1976  
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