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AN ACT

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

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Actual Effective Date: June 7, 1994; section 1 is retroactive

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1 Relating to the testimony of children in certain criminal proceedings; and providing for an
2 effective date.

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4 * Section 1. AS 12.45.046(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) In a criminal proceeding under AS 11.41 involving the prosecution of an
6 offense committed against a child under the age of 16 [13], or witnessed by a child
7 under the age of 16 [13], the court

8 (1) may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child;

9 (2) on its own motion or on the motion of the party presenting the
10 witness or the guardian ad litem of the child, may order that the testimony of the child
11 be taken by closed circuit television or through one-way mirrors if the court determines
12 that the testimony by the child victim or witness under normal court procedures would
13 result in the child's inability to effectively communicate.

14 * Sec. 2. The amendment of AS 12.45.046(a) by sec. 1 of this Act is retroactive and

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1 applies to criminal proceedings involving the prosecution of an offense committed before the
2 effective date of this Act.

3 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).