

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 297(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/22

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOPKINS, Nelson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating**
2 **to child protection; and relating to children of active duty military members."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.10.093(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except as permitted in AS 47.10.092, (b) - (g) and (i) - (l) of this section,
6 and AS 47.17.030(g) **and (h)**, all information and social records pertaining to a child
7 who is subject to this chapter or AS 47.17 prepared by or in the possession of a
8 federal, state, or municipal agency or employee in the discharge of the agency's or
9 employee's official duty are privileged and may not be disclosed directly or indirectly
10 to anyone without a court order.

11 *** Sec. 2.** AS 47.17.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) If a report of harm concerns a child of a member of the armed forces of the
13 United States who is on active duty, the department shall, within seven days of
14 receiving the report of harm, notify a designated authority at the duty station where the

1 member is assigned that the department has received a report of harm concerning the
2 child. A designated authority that receives information under this subsection may not
3 disclose the information to a person who is not authorized by law to receive it. In this
4 subsection, "designated authority" means a person designated by the armed forces of
5 the United States to receive notification of reports of harm.