

HOUSE BILL NO. 261

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARR

Introduced: 2/19/20

Referred: Health & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to mental health screening for children in foster care."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 47.10.080(q) is amended to read:

4 (q) If the court orders a child committed to the department under (c) of this
5 section and the department places the child in licensed foster care, the department
6 shall

7 (1) provide the foster parent with a copy of

8 (A) appropriate information held by the department regarding
9 the child to the extent required by AS 47.12.310(b)(2)(H);

10 (B) all initial, updated, and revised case service plans for the
11 child, court orders relating to the child, and the child's medical, mental, and
12 education reports prepared by or for the department, including reports
13 compiled before the child was placed with the foster parent; and

14 (C) supplements to the plans, orders, and reports described in
15 (B) of this paragraph;

1 (2) require the foster parent to

2 (A) maintain and update records regarding medical, mental,
3 educational, and behavioral services provided to the child;

4 (B) provide all records described in (A) of this paragraph to the
5 department when the child leaves the foster home placement; and

6 (C) maintain the confidentiality of records regarding a child
7 placed in the foster home except when disclosure of the records is allowed
8 under regulations of the department or when disclosure is reasonably necessary
9 to ensure continuation of care for the child through appropriate medical,
10 mental, educational, and behavioral services;

11 **(3) subject to the rights and responsibilities of a parent, guardian,**
12 **or foster parent to make decisions relating to the child under AS 47.10.084,**
13 **provide mental health screening for the child.**