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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 157

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Bill Version: SB 157

Sponsor: Senator Fred Dyson

Short Title: TRAFFICKING/PROSTITUTION/SEXUAL ABUSE

Summary:

- Amends laws to make it illegal to use coercion to compel or induce a person to engage in sexual conduct, adult entertainment, or labor in the state when the person compelled or induced is under 18 years of age.
- Raises the defined age of a prostituted minor from 16 to 18 for aggravating an offense for inducing a person to engage in prostitution.
- Increases penalties for promoting prostitution in the first, second and third degree.
- Creates a new crime of promoting prostitution in the fourth degree if the person engages in conduct that institutes, aids or facilitates prostitution.
- Places a child that has been induced, caused or permitted to engage in prostitution under the State's children in need of aid statutes.
- Requires forfeiture of property used to institute, aid or facilitate, or received from the promotion of prostitution.
- Requires a court to order a child to be taken into custody under child in need of aid statutes when the child is alleged to be engaged in prostitution activities.

Benefits:

- Strengthens Alaska's human trafficking statutes.

Background:

- SB 157 implements amendments recommended by an Alaska human trafficking task force.