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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 54

Short Title: PROTECTIVE ORDERS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

Summary:

- Allows victims of sexual assault to petition for civil remedies against the alleged perpetrator.
- Provides sexual assault victims access to protective orders, ex parte orders, and emergency orders based on the provisions for victims of stalking.
- Mandates arrest for violation of protective orders and violation of conditions of release.

Benefits:

- Affords protection to victims of sexual assault.
- Grants additional safety to victims who are often bullied and/or too terrified to report these crimes.

Background:

- Violent crime in Alaska continues to exceed the national averages in almost all categories. Our state's rape rate is nearly three times the national average. In the past 30 years, Alaska has ranked among the five worst states nearly each year for its rate of rape. The state has led the nation in this dubious distinction more than 10 times.