

# Child abuse bill introduced

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Juneau — Certain kinds of child neglect and abuse unpunishable under existing law would be classified as felonies by a bill introduced in the Alaska House of Representatives.

The legislation is aimed at adults who use force against children or who "intentionally

cause or permit a child to be placed in circumstances resulting in serious physical injury."

The measure (HB 489) is sponsored by House Democrats Jack McBride of Ketchikan, Niilo Koponen of Fairbanks and Mike Szymanski of Anchorage.