

**1st Sub. H.B. 54**  
**VIDEOTAPE OF MINORS**

Representative **Loraine T. Pace** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Line 14:*

- 14           ▶     requires that the recording be continuous and display time and date ;  
              ▶     provides that interviews are to be conducted in an existing Children's Justice Center  
facility, when available;  
              ▶     encourages a worker to audiotape all investigative interviews with a child; and  
              ▶     allows an accompanying parent or guardian to audiotape interactions between the worker  
and the child .

2. *Page 2, Lines 26 through 34:*

- 26           (1) Interviews of children during an investigation in accordance with Section 62A-4a-409  
27 shall be conducted only under the following conditions:  
28           ~~[(1)]~~ (a) the interview shall be recorded visually and aurally on film, videotape, or by other  
29 electronic means;  
30           ~~[(2)]~~ (b) both the interviewer and the child shall be simultaneously recorded and visible on  
31 the final product;  
32           ~~[(3)]~~ (c) the time and date of the interview shall be continuously and clearly visible to any  
33 subsequent viewer of the recording **or clearly stated at the beginning of any audio taping session** ; and  
34           ~~[(4)]~~ (d) the recording equipment shall run continuously for the duration of the interview.  
(2) If reasonably available, interviews conducted in accordance with this section shall be carried  
out in an existing Children's Justice Center or in other interview rooms. If circumstances require that  
an interview take place outside of a prepared facility, the interviewer shall use the best equipment and  
the best setting available under the circumstances.  
(3) A worker who meets with a child for the purposes of an investigative interview shall be  
encouraged to record the interview session by means of audiotape.  
(4) A parent or guardian who accompanies a child while meeting with a worker may not be  
prohibited from audiotaping the interaction between the child and worker.