

**2026 Legislature - Operating Budget
Wordage Report - FY27 Governor Structure
B=Both Bills, O=Operating Only, M=Mental Health**

Agency: Department of Family and Community Services

GovAmd HCS2 HCS3

Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Family and Community Services, up to \$7,500,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Family and Community Services.

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Family and Community Services, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred among appropriations in the Department of Family and Community Services, with the exception that no transfers may be made out of the Office of Children's Services.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2027.

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Ap: Alaska Pioneer Homes

AI: Pioneer Homes

Conditional Language

The amount allocated for Pioneer Homes includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2026, of the Department of Family and Community Services, Pioneer Homes care and support receipts under AS 47.55.030.

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Ap: Children's Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of Children's Services shall demonstrate its efforts to support Kinship Home Placement and comply with Alaska law requiring supervisors to document that a diligent search has been made for relatives and family friends, and if that search has not been made the supervisor will make sure it is completed in the shortest time feasible. Further, OCS shall report to the legislature by November 15, 2026 on the rate of family/relative placements, progress in substantially increasing such placements, and its plan to further increase those placements in the future.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of Children's Services shall demonstrate its efforts to support Kinship Home Placement and comply with Alaska law requiring supervisors to document that a diligent search has been made for relatives and family friends, and if that search has not been made the supervisor will make sure it is completed in the shortest time feasible. Further, OCS shall submit a report on the rate of family/relative placements, progress in increasing such placements, and its plan to further increase those placements in the future, to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by February 1, 2027.

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AI: Front Line Social Workers

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Family and Community Services provide a report on the implementation of retention bonuses for each fiscal year, including eligibility criteria, number of retention bonuses awarded, and the Department's assessment of the impact of the bonuses, including the underlying data for that assessment.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of Children's Services hire the flexed Protective Services Specialist (PSS) positions at the Protective Services Specialist 3 level.

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It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of Children's Services (OCS) request that all of a substantial majority of its positions be converted to flexed positions.

It is intent of the legislature that OCS aggressively seek to fill future non-flexed (PSS) positions with the highest qualifications. Specifically, OCS should seek to fill 75% or more PSS positions at Level 3 and 25% or fewer at Level 2.

It is the intent of the legislature that OCS hire at the PSS 1 level only if OCS cannot fill positions as directed here.

It is the intent of the legislature that, if needed to keep supervisor pay competitive, OCS facilitate responsible, fast-track supervisor promotions into higher job classes.

It is the intent of the legislature that OCS report to the legislature by November 15, 2026 the following information: the status of converting PCNs to flexed positions; what actions were taken to recruit PSS 3s in and out of state; how many employees in each job class were hired, and for each job class, how many hires had a bachelor's degree in social work and how many had a master's degree in social work; and for those without a degree in social work, how many had prior work experience in the field of foster care of social service work with children and families; how many employees in each job class possessed a bachelor's or master's degrees in social work; and, the annual turnover and caseloads for each level of PSS employed by OCS as a caseworker.

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Family and Community Services submit a report on the implementation of retention bonuses for each fiscal year, including eligibility criteria, number of retention bonuses awarded, and the Department's assessment of the impact of the bonuses, including the underlying data for that assessment to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by February 1, 2027. This intent applies to retention bonuses funded through appropriations in the FY2027 budget.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of Children's Services (OCS) target its recruitment to fill Protective Services Specialist (PSS) positions at the highest authorized job class for a given PCN.

It is the intent of the legislature that OCS should seek to fill 75% or more PSS positions at Level 3 and 25% or fewer at Level 2.

It is the intent of the legislature that OCS hire at the PSS 1 level only if OCS cannot fill positions as directed here.

It is the intent of the legislature that OCS shall submit to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by February 1, 2027 a report with the following information: what actions were taken to recruit PSS 3s in and out of state; how many employees in each job class were hired, and for each job class, how many hires had a bachelor's degree and how many had a master's degree; and for those without a degree, how many had paid prior work experience in the field of foster care or in social service work with children and families; and, the annual turnover and caseloads for each level of PSS employed by OCS as a caseworker.

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Agency: Department of Health

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health, up to \$15,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health.

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health, up to \$15,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2027.

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Ap: Health Care Services

AI: Health Facilities Licensing and Certification

Conditional Language

The amount allocated for Health Facilities Licensing and Certification includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2026, of general fund program receipts collected for biennial license fees issued under AS 47.32.050.

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Ap: Medicaid Services

AI: Medicaid Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health augment the rates for adolescent behavioral health treatment services provided by Level 3 residential programs as certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine to reflect the additional costs of caring for youth.

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