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2023 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Education & Early Development

TO: HB 39

OFFERED BY: Representative Andi Story

FISCAL YEAR: FY24

DEPARTMENT: Department of Education & Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Education Support and Administrative Services
ALLOCATION: Early Learning Coordination

ADD: \$250,000, (UGF), 1004

EXPLANATION: Increase state funding for Parents as Teachers (PAT) program from the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED), in cooperation with the Department of Health, to meet waitlist needs and to support this child abuse & neglect prevention program.

In FY23, DEED funding was set to serve 149 families annually through Alaska's PAT program, and funding from OCS for an additional 50 families. However, there are an estimated 4,952 at-risk families across Alaska that could benefit from PAT program support. It was also estimated in a 2020 MIECHV Needs Assessment that only 36% of Alaska's at-risk families receive home visiting services. This funding increment would help PAT programs in Alaska increase their capacity for more outreach and the addition of families served.