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## Description of Differences between HB 69 (26-LS0281\S) and HB 69(EDC) (26-LS0281\T) Alaska Parents as Teachers Act

The House Education Committee substitute for House Bill 69 made the following changes:

Uses the phrase “participating family” in place of “participant” throughout.

Uses the phrase “trained parent educator” in place of “caseworker” throughout.

Page 1, line 3 – Deleted “and establishing a rating system for early childhood education.”

Page 2, line 18 – Fixed a typo by replacing “indentified” with “identified”.

Page 2, lines 15-20 – Amended to allow parents to opt into visits with the trained parent educator, and to allow parents to opt into more than one meeting per month. Deleted references to caseworkers, and to cost considerations for reducing visits. Line changes are:

Deleted – “home visits to a participant’s home or mutually agreed on location by a qualified caseworker employed by a local agency not less than once a month unless (A) the caseworker determines that more frequent visits are required to provide informational services; or (B) available funding is insufficient to provide monthly visits.”

Inserted – “an opportunity for a participating family to receive home visits to a participating family’s home or a mutually agreed on location by a trained parent educator employed by the department or a local agency once a month unless the trained parent educator determines that more frequent visits are required to provide identified services, in which case, the family must be afforded the opportunity to receive more frequent home visits.”

Page 3, line 29, following “shall” – insert new material to read:

“(1) apply for and maximize federal and private funding sources to support the program established under this section;

(2) identify and engage private partners to support the program;

(3) limit the number of participating families to 650 for the first two years of program implementation and thereafter increase the number of participating families based on demand; and”

Page 4, lines 8 – Inserted “(2) ‘Family’ means one or more biological or adoptive parent and one of more the parent’s pre-elementary aged children;

Page 4, line 10 – Inserted “(4) – ‘Trained parent educator’ means agency employee trained and certified in the program curriculum.”

Page 6, line 18-21 – Deleted section 18, which would have established a rating system for comparing in-school early education options.