

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

Introduced: 1/20/98

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to adoptive placements by the Department of Health and Social**
2 **Services."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.14.100(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Subject to (e) and (f) of this section, the department shall arrange for the
6 care of every child committed to its custody by placing the child in a foster home or
7 in the care of an agency or institution providing care for children inside or outside the
8 state. The department may place a child in a suitable family home, with or without
9 compensation, and may place a child released to it, in writing verified by the parent,
10 or guardian or other person having legal custody, for adoptive purposes, in a home for
11 adoption in accordance with existing law. **Absent good cause to the contrary, the**
12 **department shall place a child released for adoptive purposes with a blood**
13 **relative of the child if the blood relative has requested adoptive placement of the**
14 **child.**

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.14.100(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to an adoptive
2 placement made by the Department of Health and Social Services on or after the effective date
3 of this Act.