

**HOUSE BILL NO. 346**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES JOULE, Brice, Dyson, Morgan**

**Introduced: 2/7/00**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities."**

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

**3 \* Section 1.** AS 47.80.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

**4** (d) When state funding is not adequate to meet service needs, the department  
**5** shall establish a waiting list for persons with developmental disabilities who would be  
**6** eligible to receive state-funded services under AS 47.80.100 - 47.80.170 if adequate  
**7** state funding were available. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the  
**8** waiting list and submit a report to the governor containing the information required  
**9** under this subsection. The department shall send a copy of the report to the persons  
**10** chairing the house and senate finance committees and the persons chairing the house  
**11** and senate health, education and social services committees and shall notify the full  
**12** legislature that the report is available to all legislators. The report must

**13** (1) describe the purpose for the waiting list and the strategies used to  
**14** notify persons about the waiting list, and must include a copy of the information used  
**15** by the department to inform individuals and families about their rights and

1 responsibilities under AS 47.80.100 - 47.80.170;

2 (2) explain how an individual is placed on the waiting list, what criteria  
3 determine rank on the list, and how the waiting list is used to select individuals  
4 equitably and fairly across the state;

5 (3) give the basic demographic information across all regions about the  
6 age, sex, racial and ethnic background, educational level, sources of income, eligibility  
7 for medical assistance under AS 47.07.020(b)(11) or (12), and marital status of the  
8 individuals and their principal caregivers on the waiting list;

9 (4) identify the level of need and preferences of the individuals and  
10 families on the waiting list for the services and the supports they feel are necessary to  
11 meet their needs and project an annual cost to meet this need;

12 (5) identify how many individuals were removed from the waiting list  
13 during the 12 months covered by the report, why they were removed from the list, and  
14 how long the individuals had been waiting for services or supports before they were  
15 removed from the list;

16 (6) list the number of individuals who have been on the waiting list for  
17 90 days or more with an account of the department's steps to regularly review each  
18 individual's status while waiting for services or supports;

19 (7) report annual data from the Department of Education and Early  
20 Development about the number of students in special education with developmental  
21 disabilities graduating from high school, dropping out of high school before reaching  
22 age 22, or reaching age 22 without graduating from high school; and

23 (8) include a copy of written policies, manuals, and procedures used  
24 by the department to implement AS 47.80.100 - 47.80.170.

25 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
26 to read:

27 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; FIRST REPORT.** The Department of Health and  
28 Social Services shall prepare the first annual report required under sec. 1 of this Act so that  
29 the report is available to the governor and the legislature by November 15, 2000, and is based  
30 on the waiting list existing from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000.