

SENATE BILL NO. 123 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Amended: 4/9/03

Introduced: 3/6/03

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to adoptions and guardianships that include a subsidy payment by the
2 state; eliminating annual review of the subsidy paid by the state after adoption of a
3 hard-to-place child has occurred or a court has appointed a legal guardian for a hard-
4 to-place child; and providing for an effective date."

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 25.23.210 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 25.23.210. Amount and duration of subsidy payments.** The monthly
8 payment and the length of time for which a subsidy for a hard-to-place child is granted
9 are left to the discretion of the commissioner and may vary from a small monthly sum
10 to an amount not exceeding the existing rate for foster care until the child reaches the
11 age of majority, if the need continues to exist. Subsidies shall be paid from the same
12 public funds and in the same manner as foster care payments. **On request of the**
13 **person caring for the child, the department shall review whether the amount of**
14 **the subsidy is appropriate.**

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.020(b)(10) is amended to read:

2 (10) persons under age 21 not covered under (a) of this section who the
3 department has determined cannot be placed for adoption without medical assistance
4 because of a special need for medical or rehabilitative care and who the department
5 has determined are hard-to-place children eligible for subsidy under AS 25.23.190 -
6 25.23.210 [AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.220];

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.07.035(31) is amended to read:

8 (31) individuals under age 21 who the department has determined
9 cannot be placed for adoption without medical assistance because of a special need for
10 medical or rehabilitative care and who the department has determined are hard-to-
11 place children eligible for subsidy under AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.210 [AS 25.23.190 -
12 25.23.220];

13 * **Sec. 4.** AS 25.23.220 is repealed.

14 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.