

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Children's Services  
 Component Front Line Social Workers

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_

Title RELATING TO CHILDREN IN NEED OF AID

Sponsor (RLS) BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Requester GOVERNOR

Component No. 2305

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill addresses a number of different issues related to children in the custody of the department. The bill modifies various sections of Alaska Law by:

1. Allowing a parent to retain privileges of ongoing contact or communication with a child, when appropriate, after relinquishment of parental rights;
2. Maintaining permanent fund dividend eligibility for Alaskan children temporarily placed outside the state by the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)
3. Clarifying the court's authority to issue orders to aid the DHSS in its investigations of child abuse and neglect;

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

4. Modifying the circumstances under which the DHSS may assume emergency custody of a child in order to better protect abused and neglected children;
5. Establishing a definition of "mental health professional" for purposes of child in need of aid and juvenile delinquency proceedings, and
6. Allowing the court to make findings regarding the testimony of expert witnesses in cases where parents cannot be located.

Passage of this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the department.