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HOUSE BILL NO. 79

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for an expanded program
7 of aid to families with dependent children;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 47.25.310 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.25.310. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE. The

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department shall grant assistance to the family of each

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dependent child it determines is eligible for assistance

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under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter, or otherwise provide

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assistance as is authorized by law.

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* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.320 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.25.320. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. (a) The

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department shall determine the amount of assistance for

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a dependent child, and the relative with whom the depen-

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dent child is living with regard to the resources and

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necessary expenditures of the family and the condition

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existing in each case. Assistance is sufficient if, when

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added to all other income and support available to the

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child, the child and relative have reasonable subsistence

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compatible with decency and health. However, the amount

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of assistance shall not exceed \$100 [\$80] when there is

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a relative and one child. Where there is more than one

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child, the amount allowed for the relative and first child

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shall not exceed \$100 [\$80] and the amount for each addi-

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tional child shall not exceed \$30.

(b) The limitations in the above paragraph shall not apply to expenses incurred by a parent or family member with whom the dependent child is residing for such parent or family member to engage in a retraining program for the purpose of increasing his earning productivity. The retraining program must be authorized and approved pursuant to regulations issued by the department.

(c) The limitations in paragraph (a) above shall not apply to payments made under this program for the care of a dependent child in the home of a non-needy relative other than his parent or in a foster family home which payments shall conform to foster care rates as provided by the department.

* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.330 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.330. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The department shall

(1) administer assistance to dependent children under secs. 310--420 of this chapter;

(2) make the regulations and take the action which is necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of secs. 310--420 of this chapter;

(3) cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to assistance to dependent children including the adoption of the methods of administration which the federal government finds necessary for the efficient operation of the plan for the assistance;

(4) make the reports in the form and containing the information which the federal government requires and

1 comply with the provision which the federal government finds
2 necessary to assure the correctness and verification of the
3 reports; [.]

4 (5) provide for the development and application
5 of a program for such welfare and related services for each
6 child who receives aid to families with dependent children
7 assistance as may be necessary in the light of the particular
8 home conditions and other needs of such child.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.390 is repealed.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25.410 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.25.410. DEFINITIONS. In Secs. 310 - 420 of
12 this chapter

13 (1) "Assistance" means monthly money payments
14 with respect to a dependent child and a relative with whom
15 the dependent child is living, and monthly money payments
16 to a foster family home;

17 (2) "Department" means the Department of Health
18 and Welfare;

19 (3) "Dependent child" means a needy child under
20 18 years of age who is deprived of parental support or care
21 by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or
22 physical or mental incapacity of a parent and who is living
23 with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother,
24 sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister,
25 uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece in a place of
26 residence maintained by one or more of these relatives as
27 his or their own home, however the term "dependent child",
28 shall, notwithstanding the above, also include a child (a)
29 who would meet the above requirements except for his re-

1 moval after April 30, 1961, from the home of a relative as
2 a result of a judicial determination to the effect that
3 continuation therein would be contrary to the welfare of
4 such child, (b) for whose placement the department is
5 responsible, (c) who has been placed in a foster family
6 home as a result of such determination, and (d) who re-
7 ceived aid under this plan in and for the month in which
8 court proceedings leading to such determination were
9 initiated; [.]

10 (4) "Foster family home" means a foster family
11 home for children which is licensed by the state or has been
12 approved by the department as meeting the standards estab-
13 lished for licensing;

14 (5) "Resources of the family" do not include a
15 dependent child's earnings or earnings and assets of the
16 family set aside for future identifiable needs of the
17 dependent child.

18 * Sec. 6. AS 47.25.420 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 47.25.420. SHORT TITLE. Secs. 310 - 420 of this
20 chapter may be cited as the "Aid to the Family of Dependent
21 Children Act." [AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ACT.]

22 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963.
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