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Referred: Health, Welfare
and Education

BY SENATOR BEGICH

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the provision of pro-
7 grams of education and training for excep-
8 tional children; and providing for an
9 effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 Sec. 14.30.185. PROGRAMS MAY BE ESTABLISHED. A school
14 district or the department may establish and operate programs
15 for exceptional children.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 14.30.186. COVERAGE. A program for exceptional
18 children shall provide special services for each classifica-
19 tion of exceptional children represented by not less than
20 five children living in the area served by the program. How-
21 ever, nothing in this section shall prevent a program from
22 being offered to classifications represented by less than
23 five children.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 14.30.190 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 14.30.190. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS BY DEPART-
26 MENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. The Department of Health and
27 Welfare shall establish by regulation standards for the
28 evaluation and classification of the child's mental and
29 physical status. The classification of exceptional children

1 shall be devised so that the children within a given classi-
2 fication may successfully be provided special services in the
3 same facilities and classes. The standards shall include pro-
4 visions for revaluation of the child in special classes at
5 regular intervals. [THE STANDARDS SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR
6 BOARDING AND FOSTER CARE OF A CHILD WHO MUST ATTEND CLASSES
7 AWAY FROM HIS COMMUNITY.]

8 * Sec. 4. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 14.30.345 ✓ REGULATIONS. The commissioner of
10 education may promulgate regulations to carry out the pur-
11 poses of this chapter.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 14.30.350(2) ✓ is amended to read:

13 (2) "mentally retarded children" includes a child
14 of educable or trainable mind whose mental or emotional con-
15 dition is such that he cannot be adequately educated or
16 trained in the regular classes of the public schools without
17 the provision of special services;

18 * Sec. 6. AS 14.30.350(3) ✓ is amended to read:

19 (3) "physically handicapped children" includes a
20 child of educable or trainable mind whose body functions or
21 members are so impaired that he cannot be safely or ade-
22 quately educated or trained in the regular classes of the
23 public schools, without the provision of special services;

24 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1965.