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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION,
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 378

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a community health aide program."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 18.05.058. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM. (a) The depart-
10 ment, with the advice of the Alaska State Medical Association, the
11 Alaska State Dental Association, the Alaska State Nurses Association,
12 the Alaska Federation of Natives, and other appropriate professional
13 groups shall establish and administer a program to provide community
14 health aides to rural areas of the state, and shall utilize residents
15 of rural areas and other persons trained under AS 14.40.095 and other
16 qualified persons.

17 (b) The department shall reimburse community health aides for
18 their services at a rate to be determined by the commissioner.

19 (c) In this section "community health aide" means a person trained
20 in the fundamentals of nursing, dentistry, principles of personal health
21 and general medicine for the purpose of providing health assistance in
22 the rural areas of the state and working with, reporting to, and inter-
23 acting with health professionals.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 14.40.095. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE COURSE. (a) As part of the
26 program described in AS 18.05.058, the university, with the advice of
27 the Department of Health and Welfare, shall establish a course at the
28 university and an extension service to train persons in the fundamentals
29 of nursing, dentistry, general medicine, personal and public health in

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order to provide community health aides for the rural areas of the state.

(b) An accredited college or university in the state which establishes a department approved course as described in (a) of this section may obtain reimbursement from the department for the costs of the course, including the salary of the faculty, on the condition that any tuition charged for the course be turned over to the department.