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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 693

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing state grants-in-aid to nonprofit
7 corporations providing group home service."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 4. GRANTS-IN-AID FOR GROUP FOSTER HOME FACILITIES
11 CONSTRUCTION.

12 Sec. 47.35.110. GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM. (a) The Department of
13 Health and Welfare shall administer the grant-in-aid program created un-
14 der this section. There is in the Department of Health and Welfare a
15 group foster home facilities construction grant-in-aid fund. Funds
16 appropriated by the legislature for grants-in-aid for group foster home
17 facilities construction under this section shall be deposited in the
18 fund.

19 (b) A nonprofit corporation which is created for the purpose of
20 providing group home service in a group foster home and which is
21 licensed in the manner required by regulations adopted by the Department
22 of Health and Welfare is eligible to receive grant-in-aid funds under
23 this section. Applications for grants-in-aid shall be sent to the
24 department.

25 (c) The Department of Health and Welfare shall award grants to
26 nonprofit corporations under this section for the construction, pur-
27 chase or improvement of group foster homes designed to meet the needs
28 of the communities or areas to be served. Grants will be awarded on a
29 competitive basis. The Department of Health and Welfare shall consider

1 the amount of money that is available for all applications and whether
2 an applicant would fulfill a need for group home service in the com-
3 munity or area which it proposes to serve.

4 (d) Within the limits of state appropriations available for the
5 purpose, one-year grants shall be awarded in a ratio of 75 per cent
6 state money to 25 per cent nonprofit corporation money only for the
7 purpose of constructing, purchasing or improving physical facilities
8 for group home service. Money used by the applicant to qualify for a
9 state grant-in-aid may be from any source other than the state. The
10 Department of Health and Welfare shall allow as part of the nonprofit
11 corporation's share the reasonable value of in kind contributions
12 pledged and directly related to the payment of the costs of construc-
13 tion, purchase or improvements of group foster home facilities. Deter-
14 mination of value by the Department of Health and Welfare shall be
15 final. The cost of group home services purchased by the Department of
16 Health and Welfare from a group foster home for persons for whom the
17 state has assumed responsibility under the laws of the state may not
18 be used in calculating the amount of the state's share of a grant-in-
19 aid under this section.

20 (e) If, at any time after the awarding of a grant-in-aid under
21 this section, a nonprofit corporation ceases providing group home
22 services the title to the physical facilities constructed or purchased
23 under this section vests in the state. If title to a facility vests
24 in the state under this subsection, the Department of Health and Wel-
25 fare may transfer the title, subject to those conditions that the
26 Department of Health and Welfare determines to be necessary, to a non-
27 profit corporation, created and qualified under this section, for the
28 purpose of providing group home service in the group foster home
29 facility.

1 (f) Nothing in this section prevents a nonprofit corporation
2 from constructing, purchasing or improving facilities for the purpose
3 of providing group home service in and operating more than one group
4 foster home under this section or from applying for and receiving more
5 than one grant-in-aid in order to do so.

6 Sec. 47.35.120. GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM REGULATIONS. The Depart-
7 ment of Health and Welfare shall adopt regulations implementing sec.
8 110 of this chapter. The regulations shall provide for the method of
9 application, the information required in the application, the time for
10 consideration of applications, the processing of applications, the type
11 of record keeping, the requirements for reporting the progress and
12 statistics of the program, and the notification of the applicant as to
13 the action taken on the application. The Department of Health and
14 Welfare shall also establish the necessary forms of application and
15 may adopt other regulations considered necessary to meet the require-
16 ments of health and safety and the orderly administration of the grant-
17 in-aid program.