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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 125

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the placement of minors."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 47.10.150(11) is amended to read:

9 (11) receive care for, and place in a juvenile detention
10 home, the minor's own home, a foster home, or correctional school
11 or treatment institution all minors committed to its custody under
12 this chapter or minors accepted for care for a period of up to six
13 months on the basis of an individual voluntary written agreement
14 between the minor's parent, legal guardian, or other person having
15 legal custody and the department. The voluntary written agreement
16 entered into shall not operate to prohibit a minor's parent, legal
17 guardian, or other person who had legal custody from regaining care
18 of the minor at any time, upon a determination by the department that
19 return of care before the end of the period agreed upon will not
20 adversely affect the minor.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 47.10.160(1) is amended to read:

22 (1) accept all minors committed to the custody of the
23 department and all minors committed to the department for care for a
24 period of up to six months under the terms of an individual voluntary
25 written agreement between the department and the minor's parent, legal
26 guardian, or other person having legal custody and provide for the
27 welfare, control, care, custody, and placement of these children in
28 accordance with the provisions of this chapter; the voluntary written
29 agreement entered into shall not operate to prohibit a minor's parent.

1 legal guardian, or other person who had legal custody from regaining
2 care of the minor at any time, upon a determination by the department
3 that return of care before the end of the period agreed upon will
4 not adversely affect the minor;

5 * Sec. 3. AS 47.10.230(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Department of Health and Welfare shall arrange for the
7 care of every child committed to its custody, or a child accepted
8 for care for a period of up to six months on the basis of an individual
9 voluntary written agreement between the child's parent, legal guardian
10 or other person having legal custody and the department by placing
11 the child [HIM] in a foster home or in the care of an agency or insti-
12 tution providing care for children inside or outside the state. The
13 voluntary written agreement entered into shall not operate to prohibit
14 a child's parent, legal guardian, or other person who had legal custody
15 from regaining care of the child at any time, upon a determination by
16 the department that return of care before the end of the period agreed
17 upon will not adversely affect the child. The department may place
18 a child in a suitable family home, with or without compensation, and
19 may place a child released to it, in writing verified by the parent,
20 or guardian or other person having legal custody, for adoptive pur-
21 poses, in a home for adoption in accordance with existing law.
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