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Education Committee

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 welfare and protection of
7 minors."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.10.230 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) The department may receive, care for, and place in the minor's
11 own home, a foster home, hospital or treatment program minors accepted
12 for care for a period of up to six months on the basis of an individual
13 voluntary written agreement between the minor's parent, legal guardian,
14 or other person having legal custody and the department. The voluntary
15 written agreement entered into shall not operate to prohibit a minor's
16 parent, legal guardian, or other person who had legal custody from
17 regaining care of the minor at any time.

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

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

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

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(a) The Department of Health and Welfare shall arrange for the care of every child committed to its custody, or a child accepted for care for a period of up to six months on the basis of an individual voluntary written agreement between the child's parent, legal guardian or other person having legal custody and the department by placing the child [HIM] in a foster home or in the care of an agency or institution providing care for children inside or outside the state. The voluntary written agreement entered into shall not operate to prohibit a child's parent, legal guardian, or other person who had legal custody from regaining care of the child at any time. The department may place a child in a suitable family home, with or without compensation, and may place a child released to it, in writing verified by the parent, or guardian or other person having legal custody, for adoptive purposes, in a home for adoption in accordance with existing law.