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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 54

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 preschool education for one- to  
7 three-year olds; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 32. PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

11 Sec. 14.32.010. PURPOSE. The legislature recognizes that there  
12 is an urgent need in the state for services meeting the requirements  
13 of young children; that the plight of the working mother with young  
14 preschool children is one of overall concern to the state since these  
15 youngsters are, due to a lack of adequate facilities, placed in day  
16 care centers with poorly conceived programs often as not enforcing  
17 outmoded or discredited educational procedures; and that young children  
18 who must be away from the educational environment of the home due to  
19 their mother's employment outside the home need a well-conceived and  
20 empirically researched program fitted to children of this age if they  
21 are to be disposed to adjusting well once they enter a more formalized  
22 educational situation.

23 Sec. 14.32.020. PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commissioner shall  
24 negotiate a contract with an appropriate institution for the purpose  
25 of conducting a pilot program in early childhood education.

26 (b) Children chosen for the program shall be between one and  
27 three years of age and should come from families representing a socio-  
28 economic cross section of Alaska residents.

29 (c) Initial enrollment in the program should not exceed 30

1 children divided, according to the individual maturity of the child,  
2 into two age groups.

3           Sec. 14.32.030. AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER. The commissioner  
4 may review plans submitted by institutions in the state for the conduct  
5 of the pilot program provided for in this chapter and may accept a  
6 plan he considers will meet the needs of preschool children and provide  
7 the information necessary to determine the future course of early  
8 childhood educational programs.

9 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1971.