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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 554

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to aid to families with dependent  
7 children; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 47.25.320 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.320. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. (a) The department shall  
11 determine the amount of assistance for a dependent child and the relatives  
12 with whom the dependent child is living, with regard to the resources and  
13 necessary expenditures of the family and the condition existing in each  
14 case. Assistance is sufficient if, when added to all other income and  
15 support available to the child, the child and relatives have reasonable  
16 subsistence compatible with decency and health. In determining the  
17 amount of assistance, the basic standard used before adjustment for  
18 income and support may not fall below the state assistance standard.  
19 However, the amount of assistance may not exceed the state assistance  
20 standard nor may it exceed the standard of assistance established for  
21 a family of five, as annually adjusted, for those who apply after the  
22 effective date of the Act. State assistance standards established under  
23 Title IVA of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. sec. 601 et. seq.)  
24 will be based upon the federally established Office of Economic  
25 Opportunity poverty guidelines for the state and will be adjusted by  
26 the department in May, and effective in July, of each year to reflect  
27 the cost-of-living changes as determined by the United States Department  
28 of Labor statistics.

29 (b) The amount of assistance for one dependent child who is

1 otherwise eligible for aid under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter, or  
2 who is dependent or neglected and committed by the court to the depart-  
3 ment, and who is placed by the department in the home of a relative  
4 other than a parent listed in sec. 410(3) of this chapter, may not be  
5 less than the amount established under AS 47.05.010(14) by the depart-  
6 ment for the care of one dependent child in a foster family home. To  
7 be eligible for payment under this subsection, the home in which the  
8 child is placed must meet minimum foster family home safety requirements  
9 as established by the department. For additional siblings or other  
10 related children in a single home, the additional payment under secs.  
11 310 - 420 of this chapter shall correspond to the assistance standards  
12 established by the department.

13 \* Sec. 2. The state assistance standard to be applied on the effective  
14 date of this Act shall reflect the cost-of-living adjustment as of May, 1974.

15 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1974.  
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