

Introduced: 2/25/74
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY CHANCE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 729

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a certified family care program
7 for mentally retarded persons."

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. CERTIFIED FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

11 FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

12 Sec. 47.35.120. CERTIFIED FAMILY CARE PROGRAM. (a) The depart-
13 ment shall establish a certified family care program to offer an alter-
14 native to institutional care for mentally retarded persons by providing
15 financial, medical, educational and advisory assistance to eligible
16 parents of mentally retarded persons.

17 (b) Parents are eligible for family care certification by the
18 department if

19 (1) the condition of the mentally retarded person is such
20 as to qualify the person for institutionalization;

21 (2) the parents are financially unable to adequately pro-
22 vide for the mentally retarded person in the home without some
23 assistance;

24 (3) the parents are able to provide a healthful and
25 physically safe environment;

26 (4) the parents are willing to cooperate with department
27 staff.

28 (c) Each family care certificate shall be reevaluated by the
29 department annually.

1 (d) Assistance to each family care unit shall be given on the
2 basis of need as determined by the department.

3 Sec. 47.35.130. The department shall promulgate, in accordance
4 with the Administrative Procedure Act, regulations necessary to
5 accomplish the objectives of this section, including but not limited
6 to

7 (1) criteria used by the department to determine family
8 eligibility,

9 (2) schedules of financial assistance available, and

10 (3) standards of supervision and personal care which may
11 be required by the department.
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29