

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 731

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 group home grant program."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 36. GROUP HOME GRANT PROGRAM.

10 Sec. 47.36.010. GRANT AUTHORIZATION AND LIMITATION. (a) Within
11 the limits of funds appropriated, grants may be awarded to eligible
12 publicly supported, nonprofit public or private corporations for any
13 of the following purposes:

14 (1) constructing, purchasing, leasing or improving facilities
15 to house a group home, and

16 (2) maintaining and operating a group home during its first
17 year of operation.

18 (b) No group home may receive a grant under (a) of this section
19 unless the home is

20 (1) a publicly supported, nonprofit public or private cor-
21 poration, and

22 (2) licensed by the department as provided in ch. 35 of this
23 title.

24 (c) The department may withhold payment of funds under this
25 section if the group home fails to comply with the licensing require-
26 ments and regulations of the department, or ceases to operate. If at
27 any time after the awarding of a grant under this section which is
28 used in part or in whole for construction or purchase of facilities,
29 a group home ceases operation of services in that facility, the title

1 to the facility constructed or purchased under this section vests in
2 the state. If title to a facility vests in the state under this sub-
3 section, the department may transfer the title, subject to those con-
4 ditions the department determines to be necessary, to a local corpora-
5 tion for the purpose of providing services for which the grants were
6 originally intended.

7 Sec. 47.36.020. GRANT RATIOS. (a) A grant awarded under this
8 chapter shall be made in a ratio of 75 per cent state money to 25 per
9 cent local money; however, if the average family income in the area
10 served falls below the federal poverty level, as established by the
11 Office of Economic Opportunity in January 1973, the grant awarded
12 under this chapter shall be made in a ratio of 90 per cent state money
13 to 10 per cent local money. The department may allow as a part of
14 the local percentage of the costs the reasonable value of in-kind
15 contributions pledged and directly related to the payment of costs for
16 which grants are available under this chapter.

17 (b) A contract between a state agency and a local corporation to
18 provide any of the services under sec. 10(b) of this chapter, shall
19 be entered into according to the provisions of ch. 40 of this title,
20 except that full cost of services determined under AS 47.40.040 shall
21 be reduced by an amount equal to the total amount of grants awarded
22 under this chapter for the year or years that the grant is effective.

23 Sec. 47.36.030. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Each group home which
24 receives a grant under this chapter shall have a board of directors of
25 at least five persons to advise the group home and administer the grant.
26 A majority of the board of directors shall be persons who are not
27 engaged in providing the group home service for which the grant is
28 authorized under this chapter. No quorum is considered present at a
29 board meeting unless those persons not engaged in providing services

1 for which the grant is authorized under this chapter are in the
2 majority.

3 Sec. 47.36.040. REGULATIONS. Within 90 days after the effective
4 date of this Act, the department shall promulgate regulations necessary
5 for the implementation of this chapter, including but not limited to

- 6 (1) application requirements for grants under this chapter;
- 7 (2) time limits for consideration of applications;
- 8 (3) the processing of applications;
- 9 (4) the requirements for reporting the financial status
10 of the group home.

11 Sec. 47.36.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

12 (1) "group home" means a small establishment providing care
13 and services for 10 or fewer children not related by blood, marriage or
14 legal adoption to the foster parent and which is

- 15 (A) noncontiguous to another institution; and
- 16 (B) stresses normal family living;

17 (2) "publicly supported, nonprofit public or private
18 corporation" means a public or private organization incorporated
19 under state law and designated as tax exempt under sec. 501(c)(3) of
20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
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