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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 258

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to administration of the program of
7 aid for preschool exceptional children; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 Sec. 14.30.360. PURPOSE. The purpose of secs. 360 - 400 of this
12 chapter is to provide assistance to groups of persons organized to
13 accomplish the evaluation and special training for preschool exceptional
14 children of the state who do not come within laws relating to education
15 or training because of their age or severity of handicap.

16 Sec. 14.30.370. ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED. The Department of Educa-
17 tion shall provide professional guidance and direct financial assistance
18 to organized groups of persons offering special services to preschool
19 exceptional children according to standards and regulations established
20 by the Department of Education.

21 Sec. 14.30.380. STANDARDS FOR ASSISTANCE. The department shall
22 assist organized groups of persons which have requested assistance and
23 have arranged for the necessary facilities and equipment for training
24 centers for five or more preschool exceptional children.

25 Sec. 14.30.390. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE FUNDS. Funds appropriated
26 to the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of
27 assisting preschool exceptional education programs in Anchorage, Fair-
28 banks, and Juneau, that are unexpended as of the effective date of this
29 Act, shall be transferred to the Department of Education for the

1 purposes of secs. 360 - 400 of this chapter.

2 Sec. 14.30.400. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 360 - 400 of this chapter

3 (1) "preschool exceptional children" includes physically,
4 mentally, or emotionally handicapped preschool children;

5 (2) "evaluation" means the physical and mental examinations
6 necessary to determine the extent of the handicap;

7 (3) "special training" means

8 (A) nursery or preschool training to compensate for the
9 special handicaps of exceptional children in order to prepare them,
10 when possible, for admission to special classes in a regular school
11 at the age determined by law, or

12 (B) training in self-help skills, safety, social and
13 simple occupational skills for exceptional children.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 47.20.010 - 47.20.050 are repealed.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1973.