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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to foster care custody of children
7 committed to the custody of the Department of Health
8 and Social Services."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.10.230(a) is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.10.230. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OVER CARE OF
12 CHILD. (a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall arrange
13 for the care of every child committed to its custody by placing him
14 in foster care custody in a foster home or in the care of an agency
15 or institution providing care for children inside or outside the state.
16 The department may place a child in a suitable family home, with or
17 without compensation, and may place a child released to it, in writing
18 verified by the parent, or guardian or other person having legal
19 custody, for adoptive purposes, in a home for adoption in accordance
20 with existing law.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 Sec. 47.10.245. FOSTER CARE CUSTODY. (a) A child who is
23 committed to custody of the department and who is placed in a foster
24 home may be eligible for foster care custody if the following require-
25 ments are met:

26 (1) the foster home satisfies standards of care requirements
27 as set forth in secs. 240 and 250 of this chapter,

28 (2) the foster home petitions the department, requesting
29 foster care custody for a specified period of time, and

1 (3) the department determines that it would be in the best
2 interest of the child.

3 (b) Foster care custody may be periodically reexamined by the
4 department and may be revoked for cause at any time.

5 (c) Foster homes which qualify for foster care custody take
6 additional responsibility for the child placed in foster care custody
7 and may make medical, educational and social decisions for the child,
8 as prescribed by regulations adopted by the department.
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