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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 454

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 mentally retarded persons; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.20.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.20.010. ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED. The Department of Health
11 and Social Services may provide professional guidance and financial
12 assistance to organized groups [OF PARENTS] according to standards and
13 regulations devised by the department for providing special services,
14 evaluation and special training required by exceptional persons
15 [CHILDREN] who are educable or trainable but physically or mentally
16 retarded.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 47.20.020 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 47.20.020. STANDARDS FOR ASSISTANCE. The department shall
19 assist organized [PARENTAL] groups which have requested assistance and
20 have arranged for the necessary facilities and equipment for training
21 centers for five or more exceptional persons [CHILDREN]. The depart-
22 ment shall restrict its assistance to evaluation, professional guidance
23 and recruitment and payment of specialized teachers.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 47.20.040 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 47.20.040. PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to
26 provide assistance to groups of persons [PARENTS] organized to accom-
27 plish the evaluation and special training for the exceptional persons
28 [CHILDREN] of the state who do not come within laws relating to
29 education or training because of their [AGE OR SEVERITY OF] handicap.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 47.20.050 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 47.20.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

3 (1) "exceptional persons" include [CHILDREN" INCLUDES]
4 physically handicapped persons [CHILDREN] and mentally retarded
5 educable and trainable persons [CHILDREN];

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

8 (3) "educable mentally retarded persons" include persons
9 [CHILDREN" INCLUDES CHILDREN] who are capable of some academic learning
10 over an extended period of time;

11 (4) "special service" means evaluation and special training;

12 (5) "special training" means (A) nursery or pre-school
13 training to compensate for the special handicaps of exceptional children
14 in order to prepare them, when possible, for admission to special
15 classes in a regular school at the age determined by law, or (B) train-
16 ing in self-help skills, safety, social and simple occupational skills
17 for trainable mentally retarded persons [CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE] who
18 are incapable of academic subjects;

19 (6) "trainable mentally retarded persons" include persons
20 [CHILDREN" INCLUDES CHILDREN] who are not capable of academic learning
21 but can be taught self-help skills, safety, handicrafts, household tasks
22 and simple occupational skills.

23 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
24 070(c).