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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 *FCCS* HOUSE BILL NO. 560 *am S*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to day care facilities; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.47.250 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 44.47.250. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The department shall

11 (1) implement and administer a program to assist in pro-
12 viding day care for the children of low income families according to
13 the requirements of secs. 250 -- 310 of this chapter;

14 (2) establish standards of eligibility for day care benefits;

15 (3) contract with municipalities and day care facilities
16 for the care of children of eligible families;

17 (4) establish procedures to periodically review the needs
18 of families receiving day care benefits;

19 (5) provide notification to the local government body of
20 the request for a contract with a day care facility.

21 (b) The department may

22 (1) adopt regulations necessary for the performance of its
23 duties under secs. 250 -- 310 of this chapter;

24 (2) contract with municipalities [LOCAL AGENCIES] to perform
25 its duties under secs. 250 -- 310 of this chapter within that munic-
26 ipality;

27 (3) [SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES
28 REGARDING LOCAL AGENCIES WHICH MAY PROVIDE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES UNDER
29 THIS SECTION.]

1 (4) contract with day care facilities outside of munici-
2 palities.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 44.47.260 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 44.47.260. LOCAL PARTICIPATION. When a contract is made
5 under sec. 250 (b)(2) of this chapter between the department and a
6 municipality [LOCAL AGENCY WITHIN AN INCORPORATED BOROUGH OR CITY OF
7 THE STATE], the municipality [INCORPORATED BOROUGH OR CITY] shall pay
8 the costs of administering the contractual duties within its juris-
9 diction.

10 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47.300 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 44.47.300. [PAYMENT TO] CHILD CARE FACILITIES. (a) Parents
12 or guardians shall select the day care facility for the care of their
13 children. [THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTRACT WITH THE DAY CARE FACILITY
14 SELECTED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN;]

15 (b) Benefits shall be paid by the department directly to the
16 municipality contracting with the day care facility or, outside of a
17 municipality, to the facility [PROVIDING THE CHILD CARE; PAYMENTS
18 SHALL BE MADE PROMPTLY] upon receipt of a billing from a municipality
19 or facility.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 44.47.310(3) is amended to read:

21 (3) "child" means a person who has not reached the age of
22 7; [UP TO THE MANDATORY SCHOOL AGE.]

23 * Sec. 5. AS 44.47.310 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (4) "municipality" includes a home rule, general law and
25 unified municipality, as defined in AS 29.

26 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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