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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to placement of children outside
6 Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the division of corrections and the division of social services
9 in the Department of Health and Social Services have placed a substantial
10 number of children in their care and custody in homes, facilities, and insti-
11 tutions outside the state; and

12 WHEREAS out-of-state placement of children entails costs which would not
13 be incurred if the children were placed inside the state; and

14 WHEREAS out-of-state placement of children often deprives those children
15 of an opportunity to develop and maintain close ties with their families; and

16 WHEREAS, presently, existing facilities of the division of corrections
17 and the division of social services could be developed, within present
18 appropriations, to provide the care and custody required by children currently
19 being placed outside the state; and

20 WHEREAS there is a need for private institutions in Alaska which can
21 care for and control a greater number of children and which can care for and
22 control children with a wider diversity of special needs than now exists;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
24 respectfully requested to require the Department of Health and Social Services
25 to classify children to out-of-state placements only when there exists no
26 program for the proper care and custody of a child in the state and when no
27 such program could be developed in the state within a short period of time;
28 and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services

1 adopt regulations establishing levels of care to be provided by anyone pro-
2 viding services purchased by the department under AS 47.40.010 - 47.40.080
3 which will result in the development of programs in Alaska which can care for
4 and control children now being placed outside the state; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services
6 cooperate with private institutions in the state receiving compensation under
7 AS 47.40.010 - 47.40.080 in the development of programs within those insti-
8 tutions which will enable them to assume custody and control of children now
9 being sent outside the state.

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