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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND  
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 120 am

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 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. FINDINGS OF FACT; PURPOSE. The legislature finds that a  
10 need exists in the state for the provision of adequate day care facilities  
11 for families with low income. Adequate child care facilities allow the  
12 parent or guardian to work outside the home and in many cases to avoid the  
13 need for welfare and other forms of public assistance. The purpose of this  
14 Act is to establish in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs a  
15 program to aid low income families in urban and rural areas of the state in  
16 providing adequate care for their children.

17 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.47 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 6. DAY CARE ASSISTANCE.

19 Sec. 44.47.180. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The department shall

20 (1) implement and administer a program to assist in providing  
21 day care for the children of low income families according to the re-  
22 quirements of secs. 180 - 230 of this chapter;

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

24 (3) contract with day care facilities for the care of  
25 children of eligible families;

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

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

1 (b) The department may

2 (1) adopt regulations necessary for the performance of its  
3 duties under secs. 180 - 230 of this chapter;

4 (2) contract with local agencies to perform its duties  
5 under secs. 180 - 230 of this chapter;

6 (3) solicit recommendations from local governing bodies  
7 regarding local agencies which may provide contractual services under  
8 this section.

9 Sec. 44.47.185. LOCAL PARTICIPATION. When a contract is made  
10 under sec. 180(b)(2) of this chapter between the department and a  
11 local agency within an incorporated borough or city of the state, the  
12 incorporated borough or city shall pay the costs of administering the  
13 contractual duties within its jurisdiction.

14 Sec. 44.47.190. CONDITIONS OF RECEIPT OF BENEFITS. Benefits may  
15 be paid for the care of children of a low income family only if a  
16 parent or guardian, because of the day care, is freed to work or to  
17 attend school.

18 Sec. 44.47.200. ELIGIBILITY OF FAMILIES FOR BENEFITS. The  
19 department shall determine the eligibility of families for day care  
20 benefits on the basis of the following factors:

21 (1) net income of the family including salary, alimony,  
22 child support, retirement benefits, social security, and any other  
23 source of income;

24 (2) number of children in the family;

25 (3) whether there is one parent or guardian solely responsible  
26 for the care of the family;

27 (4) whether the family receives aid to families with depen-  
28 dent children and is eligible for day care service under aid to families  
29 with dependent children;

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(5) other factors found relevant by the department.

Sec. 44.47.210. CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN. The department shall develop a sliding fee scale based on the factors listed in sec. 200 of this chapter for purposes of determining the amount to be contributed by the parent or guardian for child care. The contribution of the parent or guardian shall be paid to the day care facility.

Sec. 44.47.220. PAYMENT TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES. (a) The department will contract with the day care facility selected by the parent or guardian for the care of the children;

(b) Benefits shall be paid by the department directly to the facility providing the child care; payments shall be made promptly upon receipt of a billing from a facility.

Sec. 44.47.230. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 180 - 230 of this chapter

(1) "day care facility" means a center or home licensed by the Department of Health and Social Services or recognized by the federal government for the care of children;

(2) "department" means the Department of Community and Regional Affairs;

(3) "child" means a person up to the mandatory school age.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).