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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 654 am

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 statewide coordination, develop-
7 ment, and planning for the delivery of social services."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 70. SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING.

11 Sec. 47.70.010. PURPOSE. The purpose of the state plan for social
12 services is to assess the state's needs for existing and new social
13 services, to establish priorities among these needs, and to present an
14 annual implemental plan to meet those needs based upon available state
15 and federal financing with the goals of

16 (1) achieving or maintaining economic self-support to pre-
17 vent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;

18 (2) achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including
19 reduction or prevention of dependency;

20 (3) preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation
21 of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or pre-
22 serving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families;

23 (4) preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care
24 by providing alternative types of care including community-based care,
25 home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and

26 (5) securing referral or admission for institutional care
27 when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to
28 individuals in institutions.

29 Sec. 47.70.020. STATE PLAN. (a) The department shall annually

1 provide to the legislature a detailed state plan for the delivery of
2 social services. It includes the following:

3 (1) a needs analysis of social services presently provided or
4 purchased by the state;

5 (2) a needs analysis of social services that are not pre-
6 sently provided or purchased by the state or not available from any
7 other source in the state;

8 (3) a needs analysis of social services provided by local
9 governments, nonprofit and charitable organizations, and profit corpora-
10 tions and partnerships, with an emphasis on their availability for
11 purchase by the state;

12 (4) a priority listing of social services to be provided or
13 purchased by the state for the succeeding fiscal year including:

14 (A) a justification of how each proposed social service
15 shall meet the goals established under sec. 10 of this chapter;

16 (B) the categories of individuals to whom the services
17 are to be provided, including categories based on the income of
18 individuals or their families;

19 (C) the geographic areas in which the services are to be
20 provided, with the nature and amount of the services to be provided
21 in each area;

22 (D) a description of the planning, evaluation, and re-
23 porting activities to be carried out in order to provide the
24 service;

25 (E) a description of the organizational structure
26 through which the program will be administered, including the
27 extent to which public and private agencies and volunteers will be
28 utilized in the provision of the services;

29 (F) estimated expenditures required for each of the

1 services to be provided, each of the categories of individuals to
2 whom the services are to be provided, and each of the geographic
3 areas in which the services are to be provided; and a comparison
4 between estimated state and other expenditures for the services
5 necessary to insure adequate availability of services to the entire
6 population of the state;

7 (5) a comprehensive budget for services provided or purchased
8 by the state based upon the prioritized listing required in (4) of this
9 subsection including expenditures for administration, planning, evalua-
10 tion, and personnel training directly related to the provision of those
11 services; and

12 (6) recommendations as to any necessary changes in existing
13 laws including licensing to improve the quality and availability of
14 social services, facilities and institutions, and social services man-
15 power.

16 (b) The state plan required by this chapter is the official state
17 plan prepared for the delivery of social services in the state and shall
18 include and meet all the applicable provisions required by title XX of
19 the Social Security Act, P.L. 93-647. The state plan may not be limited
20 to the planning of services funded by title XX, but shall include all
21 the social services purchased or provided by the state or any of its
22 subdivisions.

23 Sec. 47.70.030. PREPARATION OF STATE PLAN; PUBLIC MEETINGS. (a)
24 During the first quarter of each fiscal year, the department shall hold
25 public meetings for the purposes of gathering information and testimony
26 on the availability and need of social services in the regional office
27 service areas designated by the department.

28 (b) Notice of these public meetings shall be made by publication
29 in newspapers of general circulation published in each region at least

1 once each week for three successive weeks before the meeting.

2 (c) All meetings shall be recorded. The recordings and all
3 information submitted at the meeting shall be maintained by the depart-
4 ment for a period of not less than two years.

5 Sec. 47.70.040. PREPARATION OF STATE PLAN; PUBLIC HEARINGS. (a)
6 Upon completion of the needs analysis required in sec. 20 of this
7 chapter and the public meetings required in sec. 30 of this chapter, the
8 department shall prepare a state plan.

9 (b) At least 90 days before the first day of each regular legisla-
10 tive session, the department shall publish and make available to the
11 public and members of the legislature the proposed state plan for the
12 following fiscal year.

13 (c) The department shall conduct public hearings for the purpose
14 of obtaining comment on the proposed state plan as provided for in the
15 Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

16 Sec. 47.70.050. SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE. The department
17 shall submit the state plan and supporting commentary reflecting the
18 public input and comment provided for in secs. 30 and 40 of this chapter
19 to the legislature on the first day of each regular session.

20 (b) The department shall submit a budget for proposed state ex-
21 penditures in conformity with the state plan. In addition, the depart-
22 ment shall submit a budget and a detailed analysis of those prioritized
23 needs and funds which were addressed in the needs analysis and public
24 hearings, but were not included in the published state plan as a result
25 of fiscal or legal constraints.

26 Sec. 47.70.060. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

27 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
28 Services;

29 (2) "social services" means child care services, protective

1 services for children and adults, services for children and adults in
2 foster care, services related to the management and maintenance of the
3 home, day care services for adults, transportation services, training
4 and related services, employment services, information, referral, and
5 counseling services, the preparation and delivery of meals, health sup-
6 port services, full range of legal services, and appropriate combina-
7 tions of services designed to meet the special needs of children, the
8 aged, the developmentally disabled, the blind, the mentally ill, the
9 physically handicapped, and alcoholics and drug addicts.

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