

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 654 am H

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.

10 \* Sec. 2. The action required by this Act is to be carried with existing  
11 personnel and funds. No additional personnel or funds are authorized.  
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