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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 548 (Finance) am S

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the education of exceptional child-
7 ren; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 47.20.005. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of secs. 5 - 50 of
11 this chapter to provide appropriate public education and training for
12 the exceptional children in this state who have not reached the age of
13 three. To the maximum extent possible, the department shall establish a
14 learning program which emphasizes individual needs, is home based, and
15 involves parents in the education and training of their children.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 47.20.010 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 47.20.010. ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED. (a) The Department of
18 Health and Social Services shall [MAY] provide professional guidance and
19 financial assistance to organized groups of parents, nonprofit corpora-
20 tions, school districts, and regional educational attendance areas ac-
21 cording to standards and regulations adopted [DEvised] by the department
22 for providing special services, evaluation and special training required
23 by exceptional children [WHO ARE EDUCABLE OR TRAINABLE BUT PHYSICALLY OR
24 MENTALLY RETARDED].

25 (b) The program established under (a) of this section shall em-
26 phasize individual needs and, where possible, be home based and involve
27 parents in the education and training of their children.

28 * Sec. 3. AS 47.20.020 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 47.20.020. STANDARDS FOR ASSISTANCE. The department shall

1 assist organized parental groups, school districts, regional educational
2 attendance areas, and nonprofit corporations which have requested
3 assistance and have arranged for the necessary facilities and equipment
4 for training centers for [FIVE OR MORE] exceptional children. [THE
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL RESTRICT ITS ASSISTANCE TO EVALUATION, PROFESSIONAL
6 GUIDANCE AND RECRUITMENT AND PAYMENT OF SPECIALIZED TEACHERS.]

7 * Sec. 4. AS 47.20.050(1) is amended to read:

8 (1) "exceptional children" includes those children who have
9 not reached the age of three and whose development is significantly
10 delayed due to mental retardation, physical, neurological, or emotional
11 handicaps [PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND MENTALLY RETARDED EDUCA-
12 BLE AND TRAINABLE CHILDREN];

13 * Sec. 5. AS 47.20.050 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

14 (7) "professional guidance" means the consultative services
15 or other medical and educational specialists developed by the department
16 for the education and training of exceptional children;

17 (8) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
18 Services.

19 * Sec. 6. AS 47.20.030, 47.20.040 and 47.20.050(3) and (6) are repealed.

20 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.