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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 792

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to adoption assistance; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 20.15.190 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 20.15.190. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE. A hard-to-place child in the
11 permanent custody of the department in a foster home [FOR NOT LESS THAN
12 ONE YEAR] may not be denied the opportunity for adoption [A PERMANENT
13 HOME] if the adoption [ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS] depends on continued subsidy
14 by the state.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 20.15.190 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

16 (b) A hard-to-place child adopted independently or through a
17 private agency may be granted a subsidy or medical assistance by the
18 state if the department determines that the child was hard to place and
19 the need for assistance exists.

20 (c) The department shall establish application procedures and
21 eligibility standards under regulations adopted under the Administrative
22 Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to implement this section.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 20.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 20.15.220. AMOUNT AND DURATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. The
25 amount of assistance for medical services and length of time for which a
26 hard-to-place child is granted assistance are left to the discretion of
27 the commissioner and may vary from a small sum to an amount no greater
28 than the reimbursement level for service under AS 47.07.010 - 47.07.080.
29 Payments shall be made to vendors of services. A hard-to-place child

1 determined eligible by the department may be eligible for assistance
2 until the child reaches the age of majority if the need continues to
3 exist.

4 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
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