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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to day care assistance."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 44.47.250(a)(1) is amended to read:

9 (1) implement and administer a program to assist in providing
10 day care for the children of low and moderate income [LOW-INCOME]
11 families according to the requirements of AS 44.47.250 - 44.47.310;

12 * Sec. 2. AS 44.47.260 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 44.47.260. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION [LOCAL PARTICIPATION].

14 (a) When a contract is made under AS 44.47.250(b)(2) between the depart-
15 ment and a municipality, the department [MUNICIPALITY] shall pay half
16 of the following costs of administering the contractual duties within
17 the municipality: [ITS JURISDICTION]

18 (1) salaries of eligibility workers;

19 (2) accounting and bookkeeping expense;

20 (3) clerical expense directly attributable to administration
21 of the program;

22 (4) cost of monitoring the eligibility of persons receiving
23 benefits under the program;

24 (5) public information advising of the availability of the
25 program; and

26 (6) cost of reports required by the department.

27 (b) In addition to payments under (a) of this section, the de-
28 partment shall pay to a municipality employing a program manager an
29 amount equal to 10 percent of the amount paid under (a)(1) of this sec-

1 tion to be allocated to the program manager's salary.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47.270 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 44.47.270. CONDITIONS OF RECEIPT OF BENEFITS. Benefits may
4 be paid for the care of children of a low or moderate income family
5 only if a parent or guardian, because of the day care, is freed to work
6 or to attend school. In no event shall benefits be paid for the care
7 of children of a family where one parent or guardian is not working or
8 attending school and is physically and mentally capable of caring for
9 the children.

10 * Sec. 4. AS 44.47.300(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) Benefits shall be paid by the department directly to the
12 municipality contracting with the day care facility or, outside of a
13 municipality, to the facility upon receipt of a billing from a munici-
14 pality or facility. The payment of benefits shall be based on the
15 number of days that a child is enrolled at the facility or the number
16 of days that the child attends the facility, as elected by the parent
17 or guardian each month and specified to the facility.