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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 43 (HESS)

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 child care facilities and child
7 care assistance."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.33.245(a)(1) is amended to read:

10 (1) make loans for the construction, renovation, and equip-
11 ping of child care facilities, including private nonprofit child care
12 facilities;

13 * Sec. 2. AS 44.33.255(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A loan to a child care facility under AS 44.33.240 - 44.33.-
15 275 may not exceed \$50,000 [\$30,000, AND NO MORE THAN ONE LOAN MAY BE
16 MADE TO A SINGLE CHILD CARE FACILITY UNDER AS 44.33.240 - 44.33.275].

17 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47.250(a)(1) is amended to read:

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

21 * Sec. 4. AS 44.47.260 is repealed and reenacted to read:

22 Sec. 44.47.260. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. When a contract is made
23 under AS 44.47.250(b)(2) between the department and a municipality, or
24 under AS 44.47.250(b)(4) between the department and an organization,
25 the department shall pay to that municipality or organization the
26 greater of:

27 (1) an amount equal to 10 percent of the total annual day
28 care benefits paid to day care facilities in the geographic area admin-
29 istered by that municipality or organization; or

1 (2) \$1,000 per year.

2 * Sec. 5. 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 seek work or to attend school. In no event shall benefits be
7 paid for the care of children of a family where one parent or guardian
8 is not working or attending school and is physically and mentally
9 capable of caring for the children.

10 * Sec. 6. AS 44.47 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 44.47.301. CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM. (a) A child care grant
12 program is established in the Department of Community and Regional
13 Affairs to provide state assistance in the operation of child care
14 facilities. The department shall provide grants for the operation of
15 child care facilities, including private nonprofit child care facil-
16 ities. Participation in the program is optional.

17 (b) To qualify for a grant under (a) or (d) of this section, the
18 child care facility must

19 (1) be currently licensed under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 and
20 any applicable municipal licensing requirements;

21 (2) participate in the day care assistance program under
22 AS 44.47.250 - 44.47.310;

23 (3) provide a specified level of care under a payment system
24 based on the attendance of the child as provided in (g) of this section.

25 (c) A grant under this section may not exceed \$150 per month for
26 each child the child care facility cares for, or for each full-time
27 equivalent, as determined by the department. The grant shall be
28 adjusted on a geographic basis by the same percentages as instructional
29 unit allotments are adjusted under AS 14.17.051.

1 (d) In addition to the grants provided in (c) of this section,
2 the department may, subject to appropriations for that purpose, provide
3 by grant or contract for the education and training of child care
4 employees or administrators. To receive a grant or contract under this
5 subsection or to participate in a training program under this subsec-
6 tion, the child care facility must meet all the requirements of (b) of
7 this section.

8 (e) Application for grants under this section shall be made in
9 the form established by the department.

10 (f) A grant under (c) of this section shall be made monthly or
11 quarterly and shall be based on the average daily enrollment in the
12 child care facility during the calendar month or quarter preceding the
13 date on which application for a grant is made.

14 (g) Each child care facility receiving a grant under this section
15 shall assure that a specified number of child care positions are avail-
16 able to children eligible for day care assistance under AS 44.47.250 -
17 44.47.310, whose parents or guardians wish to pay for care based on the
18 number of days the child attends the facility. The number of child
19 care positions to be made available under a payment schedule based on
20 attendance rather than enrollment shall be determined under a formula
21 established by the department by regulation, which shall take into
22 consideration the demand for an attendance-based fee schedule and the
23 economic impact of attendance-based fees on the child care facility.

24 (h) The commissioner shall, in consultation with interested child
25 care providers and parents, adopt regulations to carry out the purposes
26 of this section.

27 * Sec. 7. AS 44.47.310 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (6) "child care facility" means an establishment licensed
29 under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080, including but not limited to day care

1 centers, family day care homes, and schools for preschool age children,
2 which provides care for children not related by blood, marriage, or
3 legal adoption to the owner, operator, or manager of the facility.

4 * Sec. 8. AS 44.33.250 and 44.33.260(2) are repealed.