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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 517

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 and day care assistance,
7 and providing for an effective date.

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) It is the finding of the legis-
10 lature that available, quality day care is a vital service to Alaskan chil-
11 dren and their working parents. Day care centers are being affected by
12 inflation and the impact of federal budget cuts, particularly in the areas
13 of CETA employees and USDA nutritional funds.

14 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to create a child care grant program
15 to assist licensed day care centers and day care homes in meeting their
16 operational costs, to expand the day care assistance program to include
17 moderate income families, and to provide financing to municipalities for
18 administration of the day care assistance program.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 44.47.250(a)(1) is amended to read:

20 (1) implement and administer a program to assist in providing
21 day care for the children of low-income and moderate-income families
22 according to the requirements of AS 44.47.250 - 44.47.310;

23 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47.260 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 44.47.260. LOCAL PARTICIPATION. When a contract is made
25 under AS 44.47.250(b)(2) between the department and a municipality, the
26 department shall pay to the municipality for the administrative costs
27 of the day care assistance program the greater of

28 (1) ten percent of the total paid to the municipality for
29 day care assistance, paid on a monthly basis; or

1 (2) \$500 per year [MUNICIPALITY SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF
2 ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACTUAL DUTIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION].

3 * Sec. 4. AS 44.47.270 is amended to read:

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

11 * Sec. 5. AS 44.47 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 44.47.305. CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM. (a) There is estab-
13 lished in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs a child care
14 grant program to provide state assistance for the operation of day care
15 facilities.

16 (b) A grant under this section shall be made to a day care facil-
17 ity based on the average daily enrollment of the facility for the month
18 preceding the application. Grants shall be adjusted by geographic
19 region for the cost of providing service, as determined by the depart-
20 ment, but may not exceed \$100 per child per month.

21 (c) Application for a grant under this section shall be made to
22 the department monthly on a form provided by the department.

23 (d) To be eligible for a grant under this section a facility must
24 maintain licensing in accordance with the provisions of AS 47.35.010 -
25 47.35.080 and must comply with regulations of the department pertaining
26 to this program and the day care assistance program. A facility which
27 loses its license under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 shall refund to the
28 department any unexpended and unobligated money received as a grant
29 under this section.

1 (e) A grant made by the department under this section shall be
2 used by a facility for the following purposes:

3 (1) 75 percent of the grant shall be used for staff salaries;

4 (2) the remainder of the grant shall be used as determined
5 appropriate by the facility to meet nutritional requirements, to pur-
6 chase equipment appropriate for use by the children enrolled in the
7 facility, and for staff training.

8 (f) The department shall issue regulations to carry out the
9 purposes of this section.

10 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
11 070(c).

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