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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND  
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 517 (C&RA)

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 expand the day care assistance  
15 program to include moderate income families, and to provide financing to  
16 municipalities for administration of the day care assistance program.

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

18 (1) implement and administer a program to assist in provid-  
19 ing day care for the children of low-income and moderate-income famil-  
20 ies according to the requirements of AS 44.47.250 - 44.47.310;

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.47.260 is amended to read:

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

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

29 (2) \$500 per year [MUNICIPALITY SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF

1 ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACTUAL DUTIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION].

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

10 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
11 10.070(c).