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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 673

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to vision and hearing screening in
7 public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.30.075. VISION AND HEARING SCREENING. (a) Vision and
11 hearing screening shall be conducted for each child attending public
12 school in the state. Screening shall be done when the child enters
13 school or as soon thereafter as is practicable, and at regular intervals
14 in accordance with regulations established by the Department of Health
15 and Social Services.

16 (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall train and
17 certify public health nurses and school district employees to conduct
18 hearing and vision screening tests, assist with referral and follow-up
19 of children needing professional examination or treatment, and assist
20 with maintenance and repair of screening equipment.

21 (c) The Department of Education shall pay school districts for
22 vision and hearing screening. Payment shall be based on the cost per
23 child for each screening.

24 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.

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