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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 754

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 health planning and development;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.07 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 3. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS.

11 Sec. 18.07.112. HEALTH SERVICE AREAS. There are established three
12 health service areas in the state. The boundaries of the health service
13 areas are the boundaries of health service areas established in the
14 state under sec. 1511, P.L. 93-641.

15 Sec. 18.07.114. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS. (a) The
16 commissioner shall by contract designate a regional health resources
17 organization for each health service area established by AS 18.07.112.

18 (b) An applicant for designation as a regional health resources
19 organization shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner. An
20 application shall include the applicant's proposed plan for the orderly
21 assumption and implementation of the duties of a regional health re-
22 sources organization provided in AS 18.07.120. An application shall
23 contain assurances satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant
24 meets the eligibility requirements of AS 18.07.116 and is qualified to
25 perform or is performing the duties prescribed in AS 18.07.120.

26 (c) A contract under this section shall be for a period of four
27 years and is renewable. A contract may be terminated before its expira-
28 tion date

29 (1) by the regional health resources organization at a time

1 and with notice to the commissioner as the commissioner may by regulation
2 prescribe; or

3 (2) by the commissioner at a time and with notice to the
4 regional health resources organization as the commissioner may by regu-
5 lation prescribe, if the commissioner determines that the entity is not
6 complying with or effectively carrying out the provisions of the con-
7 tract.

8 Sec. 18.07.116. ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATION. The commissioner may
9 designate as a regional health resources organization

10 (1) a nonprofit corporaton incorporated under AS 10.20 for
11 the purpose of engaging in health planning and development functions; or

12 (2) a public regional planning body authorized by statute or
13 regulation to perform health planning functions and whose planning area
14 is identical to a health service area.

15 Sec. 18.07.118. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) Each regional health
16 resources organization shall be governed by a board of directors.

17 (b) A board shall include a representative for each

18 (1) borough within the health service area;

19 (2) unified municipality within the health service area; and

20 (3) nonprofit Native corporation established within the
21 health service area under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
22 (43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628).

23 Sec. 18.07.120. DUTIES. (a) A regional health resources organiza-
24 tion shall, within the boundaries of its health service area,

25 (1) assist communities in identifying and developing plans
26 for dealing with health problems of residents;

27 (2) provide direct technical assistance to communities for
28 implementing plans developed under (1) of this section;

29 (3) assist in the development and maintenance of programs for

1 the promotion of health and the prevention of disease and illness;

2 (4) assemble and analyze data relating to health matters and
3 coordinate data collection activities with state and local agencies,
4 regional Alaska Native corporations, and health organizations.

5 (b) A regional health resources organization shall

6 (1) in cooperation with the commissioner, review applications
7 and proposals from residents within the boundaries of its health service
8 area for

9 (A) grants for local or state health service funds; and

10 (B) new health care facilities and nursing homes;

11 (2) submit an annual report on its activities to the legis-
12 lature, the commissioner, and the residents of its health service area;

13 (3) perform other duties the commissioner may by contract
14 require.

15 (c) A regional health resources board does not have jurisdiction
16 over the Alaska Pioneers' Homes established under AS 47.25.010.

17 Sec. 18.07.122. GRANTS. (a) The commissioner shall make a grant
18 in each fiscal year to each regional health resources organization
19 designated under AS 18.07.114. A grant under this subsection shall

20 (1) be made on the conditions the commissioner determines are
21 appropriate; and

22 (2) be available for obligation for a period not to exceed
23 the period for which the grantee is designated as a regional health
24 resources organization under AS 18.07.114.

25 (b) A grant under this section may be used by a regional health
26 resources organization

27 (1) for compensation of its personnel and the performance of
28 its duties;

29 (2) to make payments under contracts with other persons to

1 assist the regional health resources organization in the performance of
2 its functions; and

3 (3) to make grants to public and nonprofit private entities
4 and enter into contracts with individuals and public and nonprofit
5 private entities to assist them in planning and developing projects and
6 programs that the regional health resources organization determines are
7 necessary for the promotion of health and prevention of disease and
8 illness in its health service area.

9 (c) A grant or contract made under (b)(2) or (3) of this section
10 may not be used to pay the costs incurred by the grantee in the delivery
11 of health services or for the cost of construction or modernization of
12 medical facilities.

13 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect October 1, 1982.
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