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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 754 (HESS)
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, except that the municipality of
15 Anchorage is not included in a health service area.

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

19 (b) An applicant for designation as a regional health resources
20 organization shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner. An
21 application shall include

22 (1) the applicant's proposed plan for the orderly assumption
23 and implementation of the duties of a regional health resources organi-
24 zation provided in AS 18.07.120;

25 (2) assurances satisfactory to the commissioner that the
26 applicant meets the eligibility requirements of AS 18.07.116 and is
27 qualified to perform or is performing the duties prescribed in AS 18.07.-
28 120; and

29 (3) a plan specifying how the applicant will select board

1 members under AS 18.07.118.

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

5 (1) by the regional health resources organization at a time
6 and with notice to the commissioner as the commissioner may by regula-
7 tion prescribe; or

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

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

15 (1) a nonprofit corporation incorporated under AS 10.20 for
16 the purpose of engaging in health planning and development functions; or

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

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

22 (b) A board shall include

23 (1) a representative for each

24 (A) borough within the health service area;

25 (B) unified municipality within the health service area;

26 and

27 (C) regional nonprofit Native corporation established
28 within the health service area under the Alaska Native Claims
29 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628); and

1 (2) members broadly and equitably representative of health
2 care consumers and providers in the organization's health service area.

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

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

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

9 (3) assist in the development and maintenance of programs for
10 the promotion of health and the prevention of disease and illness;

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

14 (b) A regional health resources organization shall

15 (1) in cooperation with the commissioner, review and provide
16 comments and recommendations on applications and proposals for grants
17 for local or state health service funds to be used in the organization's
18 health service area, and construction and expansion of health care
19 facilities and nursing homes in the organization's health service area;

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

22 (3) perform other duties the commissioner may by contract
23 require.

24 (c) A regional health resources organization does not have authori-
25 ty over the Alaska Pioneers' Homes established under AS 47.25.010.

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

29 (1) be made on the conditions the commissioner determines are

1 appropriate; and

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

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

7 (1) for compensation of its personnel and the performance of
8 its duties;

9 (2) to make payments under contracts with other persons to
10 assist the regional health resources organization in the performance of
11 its functions; and

12 (3) to make grants to public and nonprofit private entities
13 and enter into contracts with individuals and public and nonprofit
14 private entities to assist them in planning and developing projects and
15 programs that the regional health resources organization determines are
16 necessary for the promotion of health and prevention of disease and
17 illness in its health service area.

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

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