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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 786

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 services for children; establishing
7 a Council on Early Childhood and repealing statutes
8 relating to the Office of Child Advocacy."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 55. COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD.

12 Sec. 47.55.010. COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD; PURPOSE. There is
13 established in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs the
14 Council on Early Childhood. The purpose of the council is to provide
15 for coordination and management of services for children under the age
16 of seven.

17 Sec. 47.55.020. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Council on Early Childhood
18 consists of

19 (1) the commissioner of community and regional affairs or the
20 designee of the commissioner;

21 (2) the commissioner of health and social services or the
22 designee of the commissioner;

23 (3) the commissioner of education or the designee of the
24 commissioner; and

25 (4) three persons appointed by the governor after consulta-
26 tion with the Alaska State Association for the Education of Young Chil-
27 dren, one of whom shall be a provider of early childhood services and
28 one of whom shall be a parent of a child receiving early childhood
29 services; the Alaska State Association for the Education of Young Chil-

1 dren shall submit a list to the governor of persons recommended for
2 appointment.

3 (b) The term of office of a member appointed under (a)(4) of this
4 section is two years. A member appointed under (a)(4) of this section
5 serves at the pleasure of the governor and may not serve more than two
6 consecutive terms. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the
7 unexpired term by appointment by the governor after consultation with
8 the Alaska State Association for the Education of Young Children.

9 Sec. 47.55.030. EXPENSES. The members of the Council on Early
10 Childhood receive no salary but are entitled to transportation expenses
11 and per diem in accordance with AS 39.20.180.

12 Sec. 47.55.040. MEETINGS. The Council on Early Childhood shall
13 meet at least four times a year. At least one meeting each year shall
14 include a statewide public teleconference hearing. The time and place
15 of a meeting shall be set by the presiding officer or by three members
16 who submit a written request for a meeting to the presiding officer. A
17 majority of members of the council constitutes a quorum.

18 Sec. 47.55.050. DUTIES AND POWERS. The Council on Early Childhood

19 (1) may hire an executive director and staff;

20 (2) shall elect one of its members as presiding officer;

21 (3) shall collect and disseminate information on early child-
22 hood needs, services, and programs in the state;

23 (4) shall provide for the coordination of community services
24 for children under the age of seven;

25 (5) shall assess community needs for early childhood services
26 and make recommendations for needed services;

27 (6) shall promote community participation in early childhood
28 program planning, funding, and implementation;

29 (7) shall review existing early childhood programs and make

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recommendations for needed program changes;

(8) shall establish plans for future early childhood needs and services.

* Sec. 2. AS 47.50.010 - 47.50.050 are repealed.