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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 548

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state assistance for community  
7 health aide programs; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 28. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAMS.

12 Sec. 18.28.010. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE GRANTS. (a) During each  
13 fiscal year a qualified health corporation is entitled to a grant of

14 (1) \$30,000 to be used for expenses of conducting a commu-  
15 nity health aide program; and

16 (2) \$8,000 for each primary community health aide who  
17 averaged at least 20 hours of service each week paid for by the health  
18 corporation during the previous fiscal year to be used for

19 (A) training of community health aides, including  
20 tuition and travel to training programs;

21 (B) supervision of community health aides, including  
22 travel for supervisors; and

23 (C) salaries for alternate community health aides; for  
24 purposes of this subparagraph an alternate community health aide  
25 is a person who assists the primary community health aide when  
26 necessary and acts in the absence of the primary health aide.

27 (b) Within limits of appropriations for the purpose, the depart-  
28 ment shall compute and pay a grant under (a) of this section to each  
29 qualified health corporation. A grant is payable in accordance with

1 AS 37.05.316 to the extent that the provisions of that section are  
2 consistent with this chapter.

3 Sec. 18.28.020. QUALIFICATIONS. To qualify for a community  
4 health aide grant a health corporation must

5 (1) be engaged in conducting a community health aide pro-  
6 gram;

7 (2) provide the services of community health aides on a  
8 nondiscriminatory basis for the benefit of the public;

9 (3) apply for the grant in accordance with application  
10 requirements of the department; and

11 (4) supply information requested by the department.

12 Sec. 18.28.030. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE GRANT ACCOUNT. (a) The  
13 community health aide grant account is established in the department.  
14 Money to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall be appropri-  
15 ated to the account and distributed as community health aide grants by  
16 the department.

17 (b) Each fiscal year the department shall determine the amount  
18 of money needed to fund all grants under AS 18.28.010 during the next  
19 fiscal year and shall request an appropriation of that amount from the  
20 legislature. If the amount appropriated to the account is not suffi-  
21 cient to finance all grants, the money shall be distributed pro rata  
22 among qualified health corporations.

23 Sec. 18.28.040. REGULATIONS. The department may adopt regula-  
24 tions necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

25 Sec. 18.28.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

26 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
27 Services;

28 (2) "health corporation" means a nonprofit corporation  
29 incorporated under the laws of this state that

1 (A) qualifies as a tribal organization under 25 U.S.C.  
2 sec. 450b(c) for purposes of performing health services under a  
3 federal contract or grant; and

4 (B) serves a region with boundaries that approximate  
5 boundaries of a Regional Native Corporation established under 43  
6 U.S.C. 1601-1628 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act);

7 (3) "primary community health aide" means a person who has  
8 completed the first of three levels of community health aide training  
9 offered by the Norton Sound Health Corporation at the Nome Hospital,  
10 the Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel, or the Alaska Area Native  
11 Health Service.

12 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.