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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 548 (Finance)

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 regional health organization is entitled to a
14 grant of \$30,000 to be used for expenses of conducting a community
15 health aide program.

16 (b) During each fiscal year a qualified regional health orga-
17 nization or local health organization is entitled to a grant of \$8,000
18 for each primary community health aide or person with similar training
19 as determined by the department who averaged at least 20 hours of
20 service each week paid for by the health organization during the
21 previous fiscal year. A grant under this subsection may only be used
22 for

23 (1) training of community health aides, including tuition
24 and travel to training programs;

25 (2) supervision of community health aides, including travel
26 for supervisors;

27 (3) alternate community health aides; for purposes of this
28 subparagraph an alternate community health aide is a person who as-
29 sists the primary community health aide when necessary and acts in the

1 absence of the primary health aide.

2 (c) Within limits of appropriations for the purpose, the depart-
3 ment shall compute and pay a grant under (a) and (b) of this section
4 to each qualified regional health organization and under (b) of this
5 section to each qualified local health organization.

6 Sec. 18.28.020. QUALIFICATIONS. To qualify for a community
7 health aide grant a regional or local health organization must

8 (1) have received money from the federal government for a
9 community health aide program during the fiscal year for which the
10 grant is sought or be engaged in conducting a program that meets
11 standards established by the department and is similar to a community
12 health aid program;

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

15 (3) apply for the grant in accordance with application
16 requirements of the department or negotiate a contract with the depart-
17 ment if the regional or local health organization provides other
18 contract services for the state; and

19 (4) supply information requested by the department.

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

25 (b) Each fiscal year the department shall determine the amount
26 of money needed to fund all grants under AS 18.28.010 during the next
27 fiscal year and shall request an appropriation of that amount from the
28 legislature. If the amount appropriated to the account is not suffi-
29 cient to finance all grants, the money shall be distributed pro rata

1 among qualified regional and local health organizations.

2 Sec. 18.28.040. LIABILITY LIMITATION. The state is not liable
3 for any injury that may result from use of money awarded by the state
4 as a community health aide grant.

5 Sec. 18.28.050. REGULATIONS. The department may adopt regula-
6 tions necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

7 Sec. 18.28.060. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

8 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
9 Services;

10 (2) "local health organization" means a nonprofit corpo-
11 ration or other entity that provides health services in a rural area
12 that is less than 4,000 square miles;

13 (3) "primary community health aide" means a person who has
14 completed the first of three levels of community health aide training
15 offered by the Norton Sound Health Corporation at the Nome Hospital,
16 the Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel, or the Alaska Area Native
17 Health Service;

18 (4) "regional health organization" means a nonprofit corpo-
19 ration or home rule borough that provides health services in a rural
20 area that is at least 4,000 square miles.

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