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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 247

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to child care centers in state  
7 buildings; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that it  
10 is in the public interest to foster the productivity of Alaska workers and  
11 to encourage and assist Alaska parents to further their own formal educa-  
12 tion. The achievement of these goals will be served by establishing facil-  
13 ities for quality child care services in or near the workplace and on the  
14 campuses of the University of Alaska and the state's community colleges.  
15 To that end, this Act provides for the creation of privately run child care  
16 centers in state buildings.

17 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that this action will encour-  
18 age private employers to provide adequate child care facilities for their  
19 employees.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 35.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 35.10.021. CHILD CARE CENTERS IN STATE BUILDINGS. (a) The  
22 plans for the construction, expansion, or major renovation of a state  
23 building shall include plans for a child care center in the building  
24 if a child care center to accommodate 40 to 60 children is determined  
25 to be needed under (b) of this section. The child care center shall  
26 be designed to accommodate not less than 40 children, nor more than 60  
27 children, and to meet all licensing requirements.

28 (b) The person or agency responsible for planning the construc-  
29 tion, expansion, or major renovation of a state building shall obtain

1 from the Department of Labor and the Department of Community and  
2 Regional Affairs a determination of the need for a child care center  
3 in the building. The determination shall be based on an assessment of

4 (1) the child care needs of public and private employees  
5 who work in the building or in neighboring buildings;

6 (2) the child care needs of students who attend classes or  
7 other school functions in the building or in neighboring buildings;  
8 and

9 (3) the availability of licensed child care centers located  
10 within a convenient distance from the building.

11 (c) The person or agency responsible for assigning or leasing  
12 space in a building in which a licensed child care center under this  
13 section is located shall consult with the Department of Community and  
14 Regional Affairs and contract with a private child care services  
15 provider for the operation of the child care center in the building.

16 (d) Use of a child care center in a state building is open to  
17 the public.

18 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
19 10.070(c).