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SENATE BILL NO. 484

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a social services fund."

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

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

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CHAPTER 77. SOCIAL SERVICES FUND.

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Sec. 47.77.010. SOCIAL SERVICES FUND. (a) There is created in

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the Department of Health and Social Services a social services fund.

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The department shall distribute the money appropriated to this fund as

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described in (b) of this section.

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(b) In administering the social services fund, the department

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shall

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(1) after consulting with the Department of Community and

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Regional Affairs, divide the state into social services regions and

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select an appropriate entity, including a municipality, a borough

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assembly, a tribal council, or a nonprofit corporation to represent

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each region in its business with the department;

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(2) adopt regulations establishing guidelines, consistent

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with AS 47.75.010 and 47.75.020, for

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(A) the establishment and operation of regional needs

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assessment task forces and regional fund distribution procedures

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or entities, which may include the entities selected under (b)(1)

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of this section; and

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(B) regional social services plans;

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(3) review regional social services plans submitted for

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approval, and approve those plans that meet the department's

1 guidelines; and

2 (4) distribute the money appropriated to this fund to the
3 entities representing the social services regions that have had plans
4 approved; distribution of funds shall be made

5 (A) annually;

6 (B) on a per capita basis, using population figures
7 determined under AS 29.89.060; and

8 (C) subject to adjustments under AS 47.77.040.

9 Sec. 47.77.020. ELIGIBILITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES REGION FOR FUND-
10 ING. To be eligible for funding of a region's social services pro-
11 grams, the entity representing the social services region shall

12 (1) create a needs assessment task force and a fund distri-
13 bution procedure or entity for the region, following the guidelines
14 adopted under AS 47.77.010;

15 (2) develop and submit to the Department of Health and
16 Social Services biennially a social services plan consistent with the
17 department's guidelines under AS 47.77.010, and receive approval for
18 the plan from the department;

19 (3) indicate in the biennial plan if there is a need for a
20 higher than per capita allotment, requiring an adjustment under
21 AS 47.77.040.

22 Sec. 47.77.030. ELIGIBILITY OF PROVIDERS FOR FUNDS. A provider
23 of social services is not eligible for inclusion in and receipt of
24 funds under a regional social services plan unless the provider is a
25 nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that is not fully funded by
26 the state or a local government or agency. A provider eligible to
27 receive funding under AS 29.89.010 - 29.89.110 is not eligible for
28 funding under AS 47.77.010.

29 Sec. 47.77.040. ADJUSTMENTS IN PER CAPITA ALLOTMENTS. (a) A

1 social services region may request the Department of Health and Social
2 Services to adjust the per capita distribution formula for social
3 services funds. A request to do so shall be submitted to the depart-
4 ment by the region with its biennial plan.

5 (b) The department may adjust the per capita formula for distri-
6 bution of social services funds under AS 47.77.010 based upon factors
7 including rural location, inflation, and other special problems in-
8 cluding the higher cost of providing services in a particular area as
9 compared with the rest of the state.

10 (c) The department shall adopt regulations governing the

11 (1) documentation required to support a request to adjust
12 the per capita distribution formula; and

13 (2) criteria for adjustment of the per capita distribution
14 formula.

15 Sec. 47.77.190. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "social services"
16 has the meaning given in AS 47.75.060.