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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 484 (HESS)

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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:

8 \* 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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(b) In administering the social services fund, the department

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(1) 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 needs assess-

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ment citizen task forces; and

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(B) the development and submission to the department

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of social services funding recommendations by health systems

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agencies under AS 47.77.020;

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(2) review social services funding recommendations submit-

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ted by health systems agencies and approve the recommendations that

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meet the department's guidelines;

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(3) distribute the money appropriated to the fund to the

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providers recommended by health systems agencies for funding, and to

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boroughs or municipalities that assume needs assessment and funding

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distribution responsibilities under AS 47.77.020; and

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(4) regularly evaluate and audit a health systems agency's

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program under this chapter.

- 1 (c) Distribution of funds shall be made  
2 (1) annually;  
3 (2) on a per capita basis, using population figures de-  
4 termined under AS 29.89.060;  
5 (3) subject to adjustments under AS 47.77.040; and  
6 (4) in the case of a health systems agency program, only to  
7 recipients named in its funding recommendation under AS 47.77.020.

8 Sec. 47.77.020. NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a)  
9 Except as provided in (b) of this section, a health systems agency  
10 shall do the needs assessment for its health service area annually  
11 through citizen task forces and shall make annual recommendations to  
12 the department for social services funding in its health service area,  
13 following the guidelines adopted by the department under AS 47.77.010.  
14 A health systems agency shall limit its costs for administering the  
15 program under this section to 5 percent of the amount to be distri-  
16 buted to its program under AS 47.77.010(b)(3).

17 (b) A borough or municipality may undertake annual needs assess-  
18 ment within its boundaries if the borough or municipality has the  
19 power to provide health services. If a borough or municipality as-  
20 sumes the responsibility for needs assessment and funding recommenda-  
21 tions, it shall

22 (1) use a citizen task force in assessing needs within the  
23 borough or municipality, following the guidelines adopted by the  
24 department under AS 47.77.010;

25 (2) distribute available funds annually to providers, based  
26 on the recommendations of the citizen task force;

27 (3) on a regular basis, conduct audits and make evaluations  
28 of its program under this section; and

29 (4) limit its costs for administering the program under

1 this section to 5 percent of the amount to be distributed to its  
2 program under AS 47.77.010(b)(3).

3 Sec. 47.77.030. ELIGIBILITY OF PROVIDERS FOR FUNDS. A provider  
4 of social services is eligible for inclusion in and receipt of funds  
5 under this chapter if the provider is a nonprofit, nongovernmental  
6 organization that is not fully funded by the state or a local govern-  
7 ment or agency. A provider eligible to receive funding under AS 29.-  
8 89.010 - 29.89.110 is not eligible for funding under AS 47.77.010.

9 Sec. 47.77.040. ADJUSTMENTS IN PER CAPITA ALLOTMENTS. (a) A  
10 health systems agency, borough, or municipality may request the De-  
11 partment of Health and Social Services to adjust the per capita dis-  
12 tribution formula for social services funds. A request to do so shall  
13 be submitted to the department by

14 (1) a health systems agency with its annual funding recom-  
15 mendations; or

16 (2) a borough or a municipality as provided in regulations  
17 adopted by the department.

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

23 (c) The department shall adopt regulations governing the

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

26 (2) criteria for adjustment of the per capita distribution  
27 formula.

28 Sec. 47.77.190. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

29 (1) "health service area" means an area referred to in

1 AS 18.07.111;

2 (2) "health systems agency" has the meaning given in

3 AS 18.07.111;

4 (3) "social services" has the meaning given in AS 47.75.-

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