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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 215 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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) A qualified
13 regional health organization is entitled to a grant of \$30,000 each
14 fiscal year for the training and supervision of at least three primary
15 community health aides.

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 multiplied by the number of primary community health aides who each
19 week during the previous fiscal year averaged at least 20 hours of
20 service paid for by the health organization, but not to exceed the
21 number of primary community health aides who were employed by the
22 health organization on July 1, 1984.

23 (c) A grant under (b) of this section may be used only for

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

26 (2) supervision of primary community health aides, includ-
27 ing travel for supervisors;

28 (3) alternate community health aides.

29 (d) The department shall compute and pay a grant under this

1 section within the limits of appropriations made for the purpose.

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

4 (1) have received money from the federal government for a
5 community health aide program during the fiscal year for which the
6 grant is sought;

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 or negotiate a contract with the de-
11 partment in lieu of a grant if the regional or local health organi-
12 zation provides other contract services for the state; and

13 (4) supply information requested by the department.

14 Sec. 18.28.030. COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE GRANT ACCOUNT. (a) The
15 community health aide grant account is established in the department.
16 Money to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall be appropri-
17 ated to the account and distributed as community health aide grants or
18 to fund contracts entered into by the department under AS 18.28.-
19 020(3).

20 (b) Each fiscal year the department shall determine the amount
21 of money needed to fund all grants under AS 18.28.010 and contracts
22 under AS 18.28.020(3) during the next fiscal year and shall report
23 that amount to the legislature. If the amount appropriated to the
24 account is not sufficient to finance all grants and contracts, the
25 money shall be distributed pro rata among qualified regional and local
26 health organizations.

27 Sec. 18.28.040. LIABILITY LIMITATION. The state is not liable
28 for any injury that may result from the use of money awarded by the
29 state as a community health aide grant or paid by the state under a

1 contract under this chapter.

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

4 Sec. 18.28.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

5 (1) "alternate community health aide" means a person who
6 assists the primary community health aide when necessary and acts in
7 the absence of the primary community health aide;

8 (2) "community health aide" includes a primary community
9 health aide and an alternate health aide;

10 (3) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
11 Services;

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

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

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

23 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.
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