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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 262 (State Affairs)  
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 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 operated child  
16 care centers in certain state buildings.

17 (b) It is the intent of the legislature to encourage private employ-  
18 ers to provide adequate child care facilities for their employees.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 35.10.010 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 35.10.010. STANDARD PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND LIMITATION  
21 ON COST. The department shall prepare and adopt plans and specifica-  
22 tions and determine standards for the construction of each public  
23 work. Each public work shall be limited in cost to the amount of the  
24 appropriation made for that purpose. The plans and specifications may  
25 be amended from time to time as the department considers advisable,  
26 except that plans for a child care center under AS 35.10.021 may not  
27 be deleted or substantially altered. This section does not apply to  
28 the construction of school buildings in incorporated cities, unless  
29 the construction is done in whole or in part with state funds, or to

1 the construction of school buildings when the construction amounts to  
2 less than \$2,000.

3 \* Sec. 3. AS 35.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 35.10.021. CHILD CARE CENTERS IN STATE BUILDINGS. (a) A  
5 person or agency, when planning the construction, expansion, or major  
6 renovation of a building owned or leased by the state, shall determine  
7 the need for a child care center in the building. The determination  
8 shall be based on an assessment of

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

11 (2) the child care needs of students who attend classes or  
12 other school functions in the building or in neighboring buildings;

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

15 (b) If it is determined under (a) of this section that a child  
16 care center is needed in a building that is owned or leased by the  
17 state, then (1) plans for construction, expansion, or major renovation  
18 of the building shall include plans for a child care center in the  
19 building; and (2) a child care center shall be established in the  
20 building. The child care center shall be designed to meet and shall  
21 meet state health, safety, and licensing requirements.

22 (c) The person or agency responsible for assigning or leasing  
23 space in a building in which a child care center under this section is  
24 determined to be needed and is required to be located shall award a  
25 contract for the lease of space in the building on a competitive bid  
26 basis to a private licensed child care services provider for the  
27 operation of the child care center. The bid requests shall specify  
28 that the child care center must (1) comply with state health, safety,  
29 and licensing requirements; (2) provide learning activities

1 appropriate to the ages of the children enrolled in the center; (3)  
2 maintain a staff-to-child ratio that permits proper supervision of the  
3 children enrolled in the center; and (4) allow and encourage parental  
4 involvement in the center's activities, including unannounced visits  
5 by parents. The bid requests shall specify and the lease shall pro-  
6 vide that the space for the child care center be rented at a rate  
7 equal to the average cost per square foot of space leased by child  
8 care providers in the community in which the building is located as  
9 determined by the person or agency responsible for assigning or leas-  
10 ing the space.

11 (d) Use of a child care center in a building owned or leased by  
12 the state is open to the public, subject to state health, safety, and  
13 licensing requirements. However, preference may be made for the child  
14 care needs of the public and private employees working in or near the  
15 building.

16 (e) The requirements of (a) and (b) of this section do not apply  
17 to a building leased by the state under a pre-built lease providing  
18 for renovations for the state if the building cannot meet or reason-  
19 ably be renovated to meet the indoor and outdoor space requirements  
20 for a child care center that are established under regulations adopted  
21 by the Department of Health and Social Services.

22 (f) The Department of Administration may adopt regulations to  
23 implement the provisions of this section.

24 (g) In this section

25 (1) "building" means a building in which the space occupied  
26 by state employees is used primarily for administrative, clerical,  
27 educational, or executive functions;

28 (2) "leased" means leased under a pre-built lease with  
29 provisions for renovations for the state or under a lease for a

1 building to be built according to state specifications, but "leased"  
2 does not include the renewal of existing leases.

3 \* Sec. 4. This Act applies only to

4 (1) buildings for which construction, expansion, or major reno-  
5 vation plans are developed on or after the effective date of this Act; and

6 (2) buildings for which construction, expansion, or major reno-  
7 vation plans have been developed, but the construction, expansion, or major  
8 renovation of which has not begun before the effective date of this Act.

9 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
10 10.070(c).