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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 165

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH 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 operated child  
16 care centers in 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 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 35.10.021. CHILD CARE CENTERS IN STATE BUILDINGS. (a) The  
21 person or agency responsible for planning the construction, expansion,  
22 or major renovation of a building owned or leased by the state shall  
23 determine the need for a child care center in the building. The  
24 determination shall be based on an assessment of

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

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

29 (3) the availability of licensed child care centers located

1 within a convenient distance from the building.

2 (b) If it is determined under (a) of this section that a child  
3 care center is needed in a building that is owned or leased by the  
4 state, then (1) plans for construction, expansion, or major renovation  
5 of the building shall include plans for a child care center in the  
6 building to accommodate 40 to 60 children; and (2) a child care center  
7 shall be established in the building. The child care center shall be  
8 designed to meet and shall meet all licensing requirements.

9 (c) The person or agency responsible for assigning or leasing  
10 space in a building in which a child care center under this section is  
11 determined to be needed and is required to be located shall contract  
12 for the lease of space in the building to a private licensed child  
13 care services provider for the operation of the child care center.  
14 The lease shall provide for the rental space at a rate equal to the  
15 average cost per square foot of space leased by child care providers  
16 in the community in which the building is located as determined by the  
17 person or agency responsible for assigning or leasing the space.

18 (d) Use of a child care center in a building owned or leased by  
19 the state is open to the public. However, preference may be made for  
20 the child care needs of the public and private employees working in or  
21 near the building.

22 (e) The requirements of (a) and (b) of this section do not apply  
23 to a building leased by the state under a pre-built lease providing  
24 for renovations for the state if the building cannot meet or be ren-  
25 ovated to meet the indoor and outdoor space requirements for a child  
26 care center that are established under regulations adopted by the  
27 Department of Health and Social Services.

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

1 (g) In this section

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

5 (2) "leased" means leased under a pre-built lease with  
6 provisions for renovations for the state or under a lease for a build-  
7 ing to be built according to state specifications, but "leased" does  
8 not include the renewal of existing leases.

9 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
10 10.070(c).