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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 169 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the training of foster parents."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 47.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 47.35.035. FOSTER PARENT TRAINING. (a) A person may not

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be licensed under this chapter to maintain or conduct a foster home

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unless the person has completed an orientation for foster parents

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approved by the department. An orientation required under this sub-

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section must provide information about foster care regulations, poli-

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cies, and procedures, practical instruction about the realities of

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caring for a child who is placed in a foster home, and other appro-

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priate information.

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(b) To maintain a license issued under this chapter for the

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maintenance or conduct of a foster home, a licensee shall complete

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annual foster parent training approved by the department. Training

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under this subsection need not be conducted in a classroom setting,

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but must include methods of instruction that meet the varying needs of

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foster parents and the department.

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(c) The requirements for training under this section may not be

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waived.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 47.35.040(c) is amended to read:

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(c) Except as provided in AS 47.35.035, the [THE] department may

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waive compliance with a standard set out in regulations adopted under

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AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 if an acceptable alternative is established

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that meets the purpose of the provision and reasonably assures the

1 well-being of persons in care.

2 \* Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 47.35.035, as enacted by  
3 sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 47.35.040(c), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,  
4 a licensee shall be considered to have completed annual training if the  
5 licensee completes the training during either fiscal year 1989 or fiscal  
6 year 1990. The Department of Health and Social Services may schedule  
7 training so that approximately one-half of licensees receive training  
8 during each of the fiscal years 1989 and 1990.