

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 325

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to respite care in foster homes."

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

8 *Section 1. AS 47.10.230(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) In addition to funds paid for the maintenance of foster
10 children under (b) of this section, the department shall pay the costs
11 of caring for physically or mentally handicapped foster children,
12 including the additional costs of medical care, habilitative and
13 rehabilitative treatment, services and equipment, special clothing,
14 and the indirect costs of medical care, including child care,
15 transportation expenses, and respite care. [IN THIS SUBSECTION
16 "RESPITE CARE" MEANS CHILD CARE NOT TO EXCEED 12 HOURS IN ANY 30-DAY
17 PERIOD; IT ALSO MEANS CHILD CARE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN DAYS
18 IN A YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY PROTECTION FOR THE
19 CHILD WHEN THE FOSTER PARENT IS AWAY FROM THE HOME BECAUSE OF AN
20 EMERGENCY AND NO OTHER CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILD OR WHEN THE
21 FOSTER PARENT IS ON VACATION AND THE CHILD, BECAUSE OF AGE OR
22 INFIRMITY, CANNOT BE PLACED IN ANY OTHER TYPE OF TEMPORARY CARE
23 FACILITY.]