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1 IN THE SENATE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 325 (HESS)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 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
11 (1) shall pay the costs of caring for physically or mental-
12 ly handicapped foster children, including the additional costs of
13 medical care, habilitative and rehabilitative treatment, services and
14 equipment, special clothing, and the indirect costs of medical care,
15 including child care and [,] transportation expenses; [,] and
16 (2) may pay for respite care; in [. IN] this paragraph
17 [SUBSECTION] "respite care" means child care for the purpose of pro-
18 viding
19 (A) temporary relief from the stresses of caring for a
20 foster child who has a physical or mental disability or a physi-
21 cal or mental impairment; in this subparagraph
22 (i) "physical or mental disability" has the
23 meaning given in AS 18.80.300(12)(A), (B), and (D); and
24 (ii) "physical or mental impairment" has the
25 meaning given in AS 18.80.300; and
26 (B) [NOT TO EXCEED 12 HOURS IN ANY 30-DAY PERIOD; IT
27 ALSO MEANS CHILD CARE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN DAYS IN A
28 YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY] protection for the
29 child when the foster parent is

1 (i) away from the home because of an emergency
2 and [NO] other care is not available for the child; or [WHEN
3 THE FOSTER PARENT IS]

4 (ii) on vacation and the child, because of age or
5 infirmity, cannot be placed in any other type of temporary
6 care facility.