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SENATE BILL NO. 138

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH 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:

9 Sec. 47.35.035. FOSTER PARENT TRAINING. (a) A person may not
10 be licensed under this chapter to maintain or conduct a foster home
11 unless the person has completed an orientation for foster parents
12 approved by the department. An orientation required under this sub-
13 section must provide information about foster care regulations, poli-
14 cies, and procedures; practical instruction about the realities of
15 caring for a child who is placed in a foster home; and other appro-
16 priate information.

17 (b) To maintain a license issued under this chapter for the
18 maintenance or conduct of a foster home, a licensee shall complete
19 annual foster parent training approved by the department. Training
20 under this subsection need not be conducted in a classroom setting,
21 but must include methods of instruction that meet the varying needs of
22 foster parents and the department.

23 (c) The requirements for training under this section may not be
24 waived.

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

26 (c) Except as provided in AS 47.35.035, the [THE] department may
27 waive compliance with a standard set out in regulations adopted under
28 AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 if an acceptable alternative is established
29 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 1990 or fiscal
6 year 1991. 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 1990 and 1991.