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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 326 (HESS)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to grants for community health
7 planning; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) The purpose of the grant program
10 established under this Act is to encourage community planning for health
11 services and to promote coordinated planning in those instances where
12 communities may share resources. Grant funding will be available to pur-
13 chase professional expertise in completing needs assessments, market sur-
14 veys, management and financial studies, and other community and area
15 analyses that will assist community health leaders to develop planning
16 strategies for improved health services.

17 (b) Although there will be only one grant for each community, the
18 department is encouraged to assist communities to engage in cooperative
19 planning. Cooperative planning among communities will allow efficient use
20 of consultant services purchased with grant funds, avoid unnecessary dupli-
21 cation of health services that could be shared by communities, and provide
22 increased accessibility and affordability of health care services.

23 (c) To the extent that it is reasonable, the format for community
24 health planning supported by the grants made under this Act should be
25 consistent among grantees so that the community health service data and
26 other information will be useful for regional and statewide health planning
27 purposes.

28 * Sec. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANNING. (a) The De-
29 partment of Health and Social Services shall establish a grant program

1 under which up to 10 municipalities or rural government entities providing
2 health care services in a health service area may be awarded one grant each
3 of up to \$60,000 and provided technical assistance to help the municipality
4 or rural governmental entity to

5 (1) establish a community or rural health service area health
6 care review board;

7 (2) conduct a comprehensive analysis of the local health care
8 delivery system, which may include health care delivery in areas not within
9 the boundaries of a municipality;

10 (3) develop an areawide or municipal health services planning
11 process; and

12 (4) define a strategy for implementation of the health services
13 plan developed by the municipality or rural governmental entity.

14 (b) The department, in consultation with the Health Association of
15 Alaska, the Alaska State Medical Association, the Department of Community
16 and Regional Affairs, and the University of Alaska, shall develop guide-
17 lines for implementing the grant program, including application procedures
18 and the terms and conditions under which grants will be awarded. The
19 department may not award a grant to a municipality or rural governmental
20 entity that does not have a

21 (1) method of ensuring broad community participation in the
22 development and implementation of the health service plan; and

23 (2) demonstrated commitment to the development and implemen-
24 tation of the health services plan through an agreement to provide cash and
25 in-kind contributions to the planning process during the term of the grant
26 totaling in value an amount that equals or exceeds 33 percent of total
27 grant funds received during the term of the grant.

28 (c) The department shall, upon submission of appropriate applica-
29 tions, award five grants under this section in state fiscal year 1991 and

1 five in state fiscal year 1992.

2 (d) The department may contract for technical services necessary for
3 implementing this grant program.

4 (e) The department shall make available to grantees a list of re-
5 sources available to provide consultation services on health planning.

6 (f) In this section "department" means the Department of Health and
7 Social Services.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed July 1, 1992.

9 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.