

SENATE BILL NO. 173

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing a grant program for child care programs in public schools; and
 2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

5 CHAPTER 37. SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS.

6 Sec. 14.37.010. CHILD CARE GRANT FUND CREATED. The school child care grant
 7 fund is created as an account in the general fund. The fund shall be used to make child care
 8 grants to school districts under this chapter. Legislative appropriations for school child care
 9 grants shall be deposited in this fund. Child care grants may be used for planning, training, and
 10 operations for school child care programs.

11 Sec. 14.37.020. GRANTS FROM THE STATE. (a) A district operating a school child
 12 care program under an approved plan of operation may receive an annual grant from the state
 13 of one-half of one percent of its public school foundation support or \$10,000, whichever is
 14 greater.

1 (b) A district operating an approved school child care program under (a) of this section
2 may receive a further grant from the state equal to the amount allocated by the district to the
3 support of the school child care program from sources other than the grant provided under (a)
4 of this section. The additional grant under this subsection for a fiscal year may not exceed the
5 amount received under (a) of this section.

6 (c) The support of a school child care program by a district under (b) of this section may
7 be in cash or in kind. Cash support may be derived from any source the district considers
8 appropriate. In kind support by a district is limited to support for purposes that benefit only the
9 school child care program. Cash and in kind support of the school child care program by a
10 district shall be itemized in the child care section of the district budget.

11 (d) If appropriations in a fiscal year are insufficient to fund the grants authorized under
12 (a) of this section, the department shall award the grants to eligible districts on a pro rata basis.

13 Sec. 14.37.030. SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM; APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.
14 Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a district may submit to the
15 commissioner an application for a school child care grant. An application must include

16 (1) a comprehensive plan for the school child care program;

17 (2) a provision for a child care advisory council.

18 Sec. 14.37.040. APPLICATION REVIEW; DISPOSITION. The commissioner shall
19 review and approve, disapprove, or return to the district for modification an application for a
20 school child care program grant. The commissioner shall solicit advice concerning grant
21 applications from the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth.

22 Sec. 14.37.050. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a school district, the
23 department shall provide technical assistance to a school district in developing and submitting
24 an application for a school child care program. The department may use its own staff or
25 consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

26 Sec. 14.37.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

27 (1) "district" means a district of the state public school system as defined in
28 AS 14.12.010;

29 (2) "school child care program" means a program at the school under which the
30 children of students at the school receive day care, as defined in AS 44.47.310.

31 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.