

## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 173 (HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/6/91  
 Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS PEARCE, Zharoff

## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing for grants for school district child care programs; and providing for  
 2 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. SCHOOL CHILD CARE GRANT FUND CREATED. The school child  
 7 care grant fund is created as an account in the general fund. It consists of appropriations made  
 8 to it by law. The department may use money in the fund to make child care grants to school  
 9 districts under this chapter.

10 Sec. 14.37.020. MATCHING GRANTS FROM THE STATE. (a) Within the limits of  
 11 appropriations for the purpose, the department shall, upon application, make a matching grant  
 12 from the school child care grant fund to a qualified school district for no greater than 50 percent  
 13 of the estimated reasonable costs of planning, establishing, and operating a school child care  
 14 program, up to a maximum grant of one-half of one percent of its public school foundation

1 support or \$10,000, whichever is greater.

2 (b) To qualify for a grant under this section, a school district shall

3 (1) provide at least as much money or other support from other sources as is  
4 provided by the state grant under this section; the money or other support may include federal  
5 money, municipal money, private contributions or payments of money to the program, state  
6 money other than the grant under this section, locally contributed staff hours, material,  
7 equipment, or other public or private in-kind contributions to the program;

8 (2) establish and consult with a citizens' child care advisory group concerning  
9 establishment and operation of the program; and

10 (3) comply with the grant application requirements under AS 14.37.030.

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

13 Sec. 14.37.030. SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM; APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.

14 Under regulations adopted by the board, a district may submit to the commissioner an application  
15 for a school child care grant. An application must include

16 (1) a description of how the school child care program will be implemented in  
17 the district, including a description of the fee structure, if any, that will be used for the program;  
18 if fees are charged for the program, the district shall base the fees on the participating parent's  
19 ability to pay;

20 (2) evidence of current and anticipated community and public agency support for  
21 and coordination with the program;

22 (3) a description of the role of the child care advisory council in planning and  
23 operating the program; and

24 (4) documentation of the anticipated sources of the district's match for the grant.

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

29 Sec. 14.37.050. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a school district, the  
30 department shall provide technical assistance to a school district in developing and submitting  
31 an application for a school child care grant. The department may use its own staff or consultants

1 that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

2 Sec. 14.37.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

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

5 (2) "program" or "school child care program" means a program under which a  
6 district provides, directly or by contract, for licensed day care, as defined in AS 44.47.310, that  
7 serves children under the age of three according to the following list of descending priority:

8 (A) children who have a parent who is a public school student in the  
9 district;

10 (B) children who have a parent who is a postsecondary education student;

11 (C) children of school district employees;

12 (D) other children.

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