

HB

428

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/15/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4/28/75

The Committee on HESS has had CS HB 428

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

() recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR 15423 AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

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[Signature] Chairman



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Parr
Hackney Swanson
Osterback

Vice Chairman Parr called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The first order of business was SB 220.

SB 220 Senator Hohman Gave briefing of the bill.

Swanson In favor of bill.

Hackney What we are asking for here is a review of the construction by the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee. How often do they meet?

Hohman More frequently than once a month by history.

Phil Thompson - Dept. of Education

Neither the Dept. or SOS goes to bid for the construction projects. Offer an amendment: Pg. 1 Line 16 insert "the Dept. of Public Works". With this amendment, we have no objection to the bill. The bill is not retroactive. Most of the projects have not gone to bid. The key here is if the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee meets regularly. Core Drillings should be taken and included in the reports to the L. B&A Comm.

Hackney Do you have any objection to perhaps a language change?

Hohman I think this language here is sufficient. It is stated that the Committee will study all reports of construction when they meet.

Parr Move for the adoption of Mr. Thompson's suggested amendment to add Dept. of Public Works.

Swanson Seconded

Parr Hearing no objection, amendment adopted.

Swanson Move bill out with a 'do pass'.

Davis Second

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 415 & HB 419

Jeff Jeffers (HB415) Dept. of Education.

Parr Are these Companion bills?

Jeffers No, they are separate. HB 415 would place the money with the Dept. of H&SS, it provides a good sum to begin a process that would take longer than one year. We are in favor of the bill.

Beirne Last year this bill did not pass, are we building on what H&SS already has?

Jeffers We agreed that they would hire a person and put them temporary duty with our Dept. A study was done with 314D Funds.

Hackney Were the funds in the Gov's budget?

Jeffers No, they were never there.

Beirne Why should we put it through H&SS again for it to go to the Dept. of Educ?

Jeffers It doesn't provide a continuous program the way it is written here. In 415 it doesn't provide for the employment of anyone for the position.

Beirne If we were to change this to the Dept. of Educ. what would it do?

Jeffers It would not in itself establish this position.

HR 419 Would provide a position and enough funds to add to the curriculum teacher training as such. No price tag to this particular bill. Provides a more sustained effort than 415. They treat the same problem however.

Parr Is the Dept. prepared to explain where they are to suggest to the School Districts where to add this extra program....will something have to be deleted?

Jeffers We would not, the wording in the bill takes care of this. A Health Education specialist at range 21 A, about \$1800 per month, \$26,460 per year. Would only be funded if money were provided. The money in 415 would go to the Dept. of H&SS.

Swanson I don't think this kind of education should be included in Kindergarten.

Larry Sullivan - Juneau School Board

415 & 419....In '68 and '69 they recommended the need for Health Education. I disagree with Mr. Jeffers that Health Education is presently taught in schools. See definite need for this in Alaska. Don't need to drop anything in the curriculum, it could be added to the Science program. On behalf of the Juneau School Board, we support this bill.

Swanson This bill should have come to us as a bill and as an approp. bill accompanying it.

Parr I question the need for State aid here. With the School leaders being paid what they are, they should be able to originate such important programs.

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Parr Proposed amendment, Line 12, Delete Dept. of H&SS and insert Dept. of Education.

Beirne Proposed amendment to HB 415, would say that the funds would flow to the Ept. of Education.

Parr This could be done by amending the Title of the bill.

Ostrosky Line 12 & 13, move for the adoption of amendment: Substitute "Coordination" for "Initial Development".

Parr Hearing no objection, motion passes.

Beirne I would like to get the Comm. of Education to answer to the bills, we need more input here.

Swanson I would like to know more details about the program, what is going to be taught and at what age etc.

Beirne I move to hold up on the bills for Comm. Lind to reply. Fiscal notes etc.

Parr Hearing no objection, motion carries.

HB 421 Don Kemp - Div. of Children & Family Services.

Purpose of the bill is to amend the Ak. Statutes to bring them into conformity with supplemental security income program. This does not effect persons eligibility for help.

Beirne Move out with a 'do pass'

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 426 Dr. Schrader, Dir, Div. of Mental Health

We are in support of this bill. It will allow to claim reimbursement through Title 19 for services that are already provided. It will enable the Dept. of collect approx. \$365,000 for the Fed. Government.

Ostrosky Intermediate Care facility?

Schrader For the mentally retarded, the regulation specifically talk about the mentally retarded. Harborview Memorial Hospital in Valdez for example. This will allow us to claim reimbursement for an additional number of residence there.

Hackney It gives me great pleasure to move and ask unanimous consent for the adoption of this bill.

Parr Congratulations, Mr. Hackney. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 427 Roger Lang Dept. of H&SS. 5.2% of the total case load was ineligible for total grants. In each case we are talking on the average of about \$270.00.

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Hackney Where would you get the money to put this into effect?

Lang We could get a run from the Empl. Sec. Div. based on the SS# from the recipient payrolls and have someone do a physical check where there are discrepancies. To start out we should be able to do it with our existing staff. All this bill does is allow us the right to get the information through the Empl. Sec. Div.

Hackney Move out with a 'do pass'

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 428

Bairne Offered amendment: Line 15 delete "amount set by the Commissioner" and
insert: 0-50 beds \$50.
51-124 beds \$100.
125 or more beds \$150.

No objection to the amendment, motion carries.

Swanson Move HB 428 out with a Committee Substitute and a do pass recommendation.

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned @5:30pm.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 1975

Chairman Sullivan Called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Members Absent:

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Osterback

Hackney

Sullivan Bills on today's calendar were introduced by HESS by request of the Dept. of H&SS and are primarily "housekeeping measures".

HB 421

Held over for more information.

HB 422

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 423

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 424

Swanson I don not like the language, 'recovered alcoholic'. Proposed amendment to add 'known' recovered alcoholic. (amendment failed unanimously).

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Davis SEconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 425

Parr In favor of bill.

Beirne Opposed to bill. In reference to working with insurance companies, proposed an amendment Line 11 Delete '60' and insert '90'

Swanson Seconded

Amendment adopted unanimously.

Parr Motion to move bill out of Committee as amended.

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 426

Beirne Request it be held over for more information.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 427

Davis Request it be held over for more information.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 428

Beirne Opposition to change in Sec. 1
Chairman Bill will be held over for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.

POSITION PAPER
House Bill No. 428

An act relating to hospitals.

This bill would change payment of licensing fees and would correct the definition of a hospital.

Sec. 18.20.030 APPLICATION AND FEES. Processing costs for issuing licenses have greatly increased but the State's revenue for this activity has not. Eliminating a fixed, "one-time" application fee of \$10 and establishing a flexible fee as determined by the department will provide a greater source of revenue to the state by reflecting more nearly current costs for licensing activities.

Sec. 18.20.040. ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND POSTING. This section needs amendment also, since it deals with application fees, but was not included in this bill. Our current statute states, "A license, unless suspended or revoked, is renewable annually without charge...." Activities related to renewing licenses are now much more involved and therefore cost more. In processing a hospital license application, it is necessary for a Health Facilities Surveyor to travel to the facility, survey it, note any deficiencies, and properly document them. Detailed statements of such deficiencies are given to the hospital and consultation for correction of deficiencies is provided on request. This is a continuing process, yet no provision exists for getting a continuing source of revenue for such activities. This section should be amended to read as follows:

"AS 18.20.040 ISSUANCES AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND POSTING. Upon receipt of an application for license and the licensing fee, the department shall issue a license if the applicant meets the requirements established under Secs. 60-80 of this Chapter. If the applicant does not meet the requirements established under Secs. 60-80 of this Chapter but makes continued efforts to comply with them, the department may grant him a temporary or provisional license for a reasonable period of time. A license, unless suspended or revoked, is renewable annually for a fee in the amount set by the commissioner of the department [WITHOUT CHARGE] upon filing by the licensee, and approval by the department of an annual report on the uniform date and containing the information in the form the department prescribes by regulation. The department shall deposit all fees received in the state treasury. Each license issued is for the premises and person or governmental unit named in the application and is not transferable or assignable except with the written approval of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the licensed premises.

Sec. AS 18.20.130(1). The revised definition specifically includes both a public or private establishment which provides care for 24 hours each day, rather than a minimum of 24 hours a week as stated previously.

The prior language was most likely an inadvertent typographical error, as no facility offering acute care could operate for only 24 hours per week.

With the above recommended additional change the department supports this bill.

Recommended by:

Donald H. Freedman
Division Director

4/22/75
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]
for Commissioner

4/25/75
Date

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: _____

Date