

**SB**

**100**

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)  
Date Referred to Committee: March 27, 1997

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/97

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

SB 100

SENATE BILL NO. 100

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN/GRANTS

"An Act relating to grant authority for services for developmentally delayed or disabled children and their families."

recommends it be replaced  the same title  
with the following committee substitute \_\_\_\_\_  a new title

additional referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept/Date)

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) HHS/3-5-97

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Paul Brown</i>	✓			
<i>Car Beube</i>	✓			
<i>Bill Puzey</i>			✓	
<i>Jack L. ...</i>			✓	
<i>Tom ...</i>	✓			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Car Beube*



STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB100

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: An Act relating to grant authority for services  
to developmentally disabled children & their families  
 Sponsor: Senate HESS by Request  
 Requestor: Senate HESS

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services  
 BRU: State Health Services  
 Component: Infant Learning Program Grants  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 298  
 See also (SN#): \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVE..						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GHANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGES IN REVENUES ( )						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please specify)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: \$0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no fiscal impact.

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 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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## Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

### SENATE HESS COMMITTEE SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### SB 100 – Developmentally Disabled Children/Grants

Senate Bill 100 will allow the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to award grants under the Infant Learning Program (ILP). The ILP grants provide home-based therapy and education services to infants birth through 2 years of age who have moderate to severe mental or physical handicaps. The capacity for development is at its maximum during an infant's first years, thus early identification of developmental delays is critical.

DHSS has provided grants to providers of services for developmentally delayed or disabled infants since FY 77. The Department of Law recently determined that DHSS does not have explicit, statutory grant-making authority. Passage of this legislation will provide that authority and allow the DHSS to continue this grant program as it has operated in the past.

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education strongly supports passage of SB 100.

**- SB 100 - GRANT AUTHORITY FOR SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY  
DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The Infant Learning Program is funded through two components in the budget.

- The Infant Learning Program (ILP) component contains \$868.6 in State General Funds and \$3603.3 in General Fund Mental Health Trust, all funds are budgeted in the grant line in the ILP component.
- \$1658.2 in U.S. Department of Education federal funds are budgeted in the Maternal Child Health component. 85% of which are in the grant and contract lines, 5% goes to the federally required Interagency Coordinating Council (Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education) the remaining 10 % are used administer the grants, contracts, and other direct services.

The Infant Learning Program has been funded by the Alaska legislature since FY77 and has been in continuous operation in Alaska for 20 years.

Provided by the Department of Health and Social Services

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS - SB 100 - GRANT AUTHORITY FOR SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The administration supports Senate Bill 100.

### **Reasons for Support**

SB 100 is needed because the Department of Health and Social Services has drafted revised regulations which will bring the infant learning program into compliance with federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). The revised regulations cannot be reviewed by the Department of Law until grant authority is listed in the statute:

1. SB 100 will provide grant authority in the authorizing statute for services to developmentally delayed or disabled children and their families and directs the department to put grant authority language in the regulations necessary to implement those services.
2. The legislature provides funds for the Infant Learning Program in the grants line. SB 100 will make the authorizing statute consistent with this legislative intent and will allow the department to move forward with revising regulations for this program.
3. The Department of Law has requested that this change be made to the statute to clarify the language for grant authority.
4. There is no fiscal impact related to this bill.

### **Administration Efforts Currently Underway To Address Issues in SB 100**

1. The Department of Health and Social Services has been issuing grants under the department's general grant authority and through the legislature's appropriation of funds in the grants line but cannot go forward with needed regulation revisions until the statute is updated to include grant authority.
2. The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Department's federally mandated advisory council for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has provided written support for this bill.

**Provided by the Department of Health and Social Services**



**TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR**  
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April 15, 1997

House HESS Committee  
Representative Con Bunde, Chair  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 104  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Bunde,

Subject: SB 100

In support of SB 100, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education requests that the bill be calendared in the House HESS Committee.

The bill which passed unanimously through the Senate, would make a simple technical change allowing the Department of Health and Social Services to continue to award grants to the Infant Learning Programs (ILPs).

Currently, there are 26 local, non-profit ILP organizations that provide essential services to Alaskan families who have children with disabilities. These services, provided by community based organizations that receive support through community fundraising efforts, prevent or reduce the effects of delays and disabilities for infants and toddlers. ILP grants create ongoing private sector jobs at the community level.

The grant process is a cost effective way to assure that funding for ILPs remains an efficient method with low administrative overhead.

In order for the Council's Executive Committee to report the progress of SB 100, please let us know of your support for the bill and when we should expect it to be acted on in the HESS Committee. If you have questions, please call Leandra at 269-8994 or Dino at 269-8993.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Dodge".

Nancy Dodge  
Chairperson