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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

## First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/5/97

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/10/97  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/18/97

HESS Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 117

"An Act relating to an infant care curriculum in the public school system."

and recommends:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

same title

new title

**House Bill:**

same title

technical title

new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DQ PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department      Date      Zero      Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
DOE	4/9/97	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department      Date      Zero      Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 117

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Education  
 Title: "An Act relating to an infant care curriculum  
in the public school system." BRU: Teaching & Learning Support  
 Component: Quality Schools  
 Sponsor: Senator Donley  
 Requester: Senate HESS COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2147

**Expenditures/Revenues:** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGES IN REVENUES</b>						
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
Other:						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year (FY97) cost: \$ \$0

**POSITIONS:**

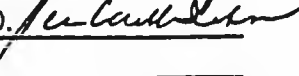
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Any costs would be absorbed at the school district level.

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Approved by Commissioner: Shirley J. Holloway, Ph.D.   
 Agency: Department of Education

Date: 4/9/97

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# SENATOR DAVE DONLEY

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 117 Requiring infant care education for teens

SB 117 adds "infant care" instruction to what is currently encouraged in AS 14.30.360(a) for each school district to include in its' health education curriculum.

Prenatal and infant care programs are successfully reducing dangers to infants under 3 months of age but Alaska still suffers from a consistently higher rate of mortality for infants age 3 months to 1 year than the rest of the United States. This strongly indicates a problem in Alaska with a lack of proper infant care.

The attached matrix dramatically indicates the problem. In a study of six western states, Alaska was listed as having the best record for prenatal care, the fewest low weight births, and the lowest births to mothers under the age of 18. However, Alaska still had the highest infant mortality rate of the states studied. The disparity of these figures once again points to a lack of appropriate infant care.

Requiring infant care to be included in high school health care curriculum will give young Alaskans the basic infant care skills that statistics indicate may be lacking and causing Alaska's infant mortality problems.

One of the leading causes of death for infants in both Alaska and the rest of the United States is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. 100% of infants who died of SIDS in Alaska from 1992 - 1995 were found in the prone sleep position, had been placed to sleep on inappropriate bedding, or had a mother who smoked cigarettes. These are factors that could be significantly reduced and hopefully eliminated with proper infant care education.

Abuse and neglect are also factors that figure in the health and welfare of infants. These are two problems that also could hopefully be prevented or reduced with proper infant care education.

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Backup for SB 117  
The Statistical Case for Why Alaska Needs Better Infant Care

<u>SAMPLE WESTERN STATES &amp; THEIR PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT INFANT MORTALITY</u>	<sup>1</sup> Infant Mortality per/1000	<sup>2</sup> Low Birth Weight	<sup>3</sup> Early Prenatal Care	<sup>4</sup> Births of Mothers < 18 y.o.
<b>Alaska</b> WIC, Medicaid, Healthy Babies (M of D) <sup>5</sup> Head Start, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Prenatal Care II Program, Even Start, Home Health Svcs, Infant Learning Programs, & Indian Health Svc.	8.2 (worst)	4.9% (best)	83.3% (best)	3.9% (best)
<b>Idaho</b> WIC, Medicaid, Healthy Babies (M of D), Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Indian Health Svc.	7.2	5.3%	78.0%	4.8%
<b>Wyoming</b> WIC, Medicaid, Healthy Babies (M of D), Headstart, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Indian Health Svc., Extension Food Nutrition Education Program	7.9	7.3%	81.2%	4.7%
<b>Washington</b> WIC, Medicaid, Healthy Babies (M of D), Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, First Steps, Indian Health Svc.	6.4	5.2%	80.7%	4.0%
<b>Montana</b> WIC, Medicaid, Healthy Babies (M of D) Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Family Planning, MIAMI (MT's Initiative for the Abatement of Mortality in Infants),	7.4	6.0%	80.5%	4.5%

<sup>1</sup> Rate of mortality of infants 3 months - 1 yr. of age per 1000 live births.

<sup>2</sup> Infants weighing less than 2500 grams (5.5 lbs.) at birth

<sup>3</sup> Prenatal care in the 1st or 2nd trimester of pregnancy

<sup>4</sup> Births by mothers less than 18 years of age

<sup>5</sup> March of Dimes Healthy Babies Program