

SB

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Bill Version: SB100

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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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGES IN REVENUES						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF March						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please specify)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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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**- 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.

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, SB100 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.