

HB

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Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives

Sponsor Statement

HB 209

An act directing the Department of Health and Social Services to establish a foster care transition program.

Presently there are around 200 youth 16 or older in DFYS Custody as of March 2001. These young adults are soon to leave the foster care system and may not be adequately equipped and not prepared to transition into independent living.

Under the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, the State of Alaska shall receive no less than \$5,000,000 per year to carry out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency.

HB 209 will require the department to establish and implement a foster care transition program.

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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

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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

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON
 Chairman

Date 4/19/01

AMENDMENT

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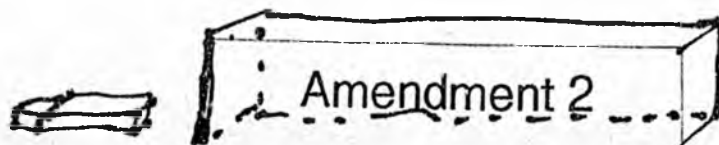
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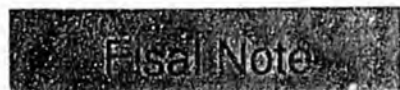
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YOUTH AGE 16 OR OLDER IN DFYS CUSTODY AS OF MARCH 2, 2001

Total Number	175
Number over 18 years old	36

Region	Age	
	16 years or older	18 years or older
Anchorage	59	14
Northern Region	58	12
Aniak	2	0
Barrow	8	2
Bethel	13	1
Delta	4	1
Fairbanks	20	4
Ft. Yukon	2	1
Galena	1	0
Kotzebue	1	1
Nome	3	1
St. Mary's	4	1
South Central Region	29	6
Cordova	1	0
Dillingham	2	0
Kenai	6	1
King Salmon	1	0
Kodiak	2	1
Mat-Su	11	3
Seward	2	0
Unalaska	2	0
Valdez	2	1
Southeast Region	29	4
Craig	1	1
Juneau	20	3
Ketchikan	2	0
Petersburg	2	0
Sitka	4	0
TOTAL	175	36

Permanency Plan Goal	Number
Adoption	12
Guardianship	25
Independent Living	6
Permanent Relative Placement	6
Permanent Foster Care	32
Return to Home	94

Youth age 16 or older in DFYS Custody as of March 2, 2001

The following tables are the result of a direct telephone survey to social workers who have youth age 16 or older on their caseloads who are currently in the foster care system. A total number of 182 youth were identified by PROBER. Of this population, 15 were identified as being under DJJ authority and were eliminated from the sample, leaving a total of 167 youth age 16 or older who were in DFYS foster care.

From this population, we received a total of 126 responses, for a 75% response rate. While the responses are not a stratified sample, it is safe to assume that simple percentages from the response population may be extrapolated to the total population. These tables also identify the number of youth in the response population that were age 18 or older as of March 1, 2001.

Youth's Permanency Goal	Number of responses	Percent of responses	Extrapolated number in total population
Adoption	10	7.9%	13
Long Term Residential	5	4.0%	7
Runaway	3	2.4%	4
Dismissed	2	1.6%	3
Guardianship	8	6.3%	11
Independent Living	71	56.3%	94
Relative Placement	3	2.4%	4
Return Home	17	13.5%	23
Unknown	7	5.6%	9
TOTAL	126	100.0%	167

Disability	Number of responses	Percent of responses	Extrapolated number in total population
physical	2	1.6%	3
learning	14	11.1%	19
emotional	27	21.4%	36
FAS/FAE	7	5.6%	9
substance abuse	7	5.6%	9
other	3	2.4%	4
none	66	52.4%	87
TOTAL	126	100.0%	167

Would remain in custody past high-school?	Number of responses	Percent of responses	Extrapolated number in total population
yes	42	33.3%	56
no	48	38.1%	64
maybe	7	5.6%	9
unk/na	29	23.0%	38
total	126	100.0%	167

