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

HB 209 PROGRAM FOR FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN
Sponsor Statement

House bill 209 relates to the establishment of a foster care transition program for transitioning certain state foster care recipients age 18 to 21.

This bill is necessary so that the state may continue to receive federal money to provide the support and services needed to assure that these young adults are able to manage their independence after they have reached the age of majority in foster care. Programs are in place for these individuals while they are in state foster care; this bill will make it possible to continue to provide support and services after they reach the age of majority as required by the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

This bill would direct the Department of Health and Social Services to design, develop, and implement a foster care transition program to provide support and services to young adults who have reached the age of 18 while in state foster care. The program may provide some or all of the following services to these young adults: education and vocational training, assistance in obtaining basic education and training, career and employment services, training in basic life skills, housing and utility assistance, mentoring and counseling, and other appropriate services to complement the efforts of these former state foster care recipients to achieve self-sufficiency.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: C/S HB 209(HES)
(H) Publish Date: 4/20/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
Title: Program for former foster children. bRU: Family and Youth Services Mngmt
Component: FYS Management
Sponsor: House (HES)
Requester: House (FIN) Component Number: 2306

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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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CHANGE 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 (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	0				
Part-time	0				
Temporary	0				

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This proposed legislation will give the department flexibility in developing a program of services for youth who are transitioning from foster care to independent living. The proposed legislation allows for designating eligibility threshold, standards, and limits to program services. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department if enacted.

Through the Federal Independent Living Act of 1999, the State of Alaska shall receive no less than \$500.0 per year in federal funds to carry out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency. A specific requirement of the Act is the provision of independent living services to former foster youth between the ages of 18 to 21. The current statute, AS 47.18 only provides for state assistance to youth in state custody. In order to meet federal compliance, language must be included to allow for the provision of monies and services to individuals who have left the Alaska foster care system and emancipated from state custody.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: CSHB 209 (HES)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
 Title: DIRECT DHSS TO ESTABLISH A FOSTER CARE TRANSITION PROGRAM BRU: Purchased Services
 Component: Family Preservation
 Sponsor: HOUSE (HES)
 Requestor: HOUSE (FIN) Component Number: 1628

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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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 (Specify Type--do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: _____

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The proposed legislation will have no new fiscal impact if enacted. Through the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, the State of Alaska shall receive no less than \$500.0 per year in federal funds to carry out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency. This federal receipt authority is already included in the Department's base budget.

A specific requirement of the Independence Act is the provision of independent living services to former foster care youth between the ages of 18 to 20. The current statute, AS 47.18, only provides for state assistance to youth in state custody. In order to meet federal compliance, language must be included to allow for the provision of funds and services to individuals who have left the Alaska foster care system and emancipated from state custody.

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STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 209 (HES)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

ANALYSIS CONTINUED:

HB 209 will give the department flexibility in developing a program for youth who are transitioning from foster care. The legislation allows for designating eligibility thresholds, standards, and limits to program services. Youth who "age out" of the foster care system are often ill prepared to live independently. They may not have strong familial or community ties that help one transition to self-sufficiency. This population of youth is "high risk". Frequently, former foster care youth become adults dependent upon public assistance, become involved in the correctional system, or fall into unhealthy behaviors. By providing support during the transition from foster care to independent living, the state can greatly increase the odds that youth who leave our foster care system can become successful, self-sufficient adults.