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## AN ACT

Relating to the education of exceptional children; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 47.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.20.005. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of secs. 5 - 50 of this chapter to provide appropriate public education and training for the exceptional children in this state who have not reached the age of three. To the maximum extent possible, the department shall establish a learning program which emphasizes individual needs, is home based, and involves parents in the education and training of their children.

\* Sec. 2. AS 47.20.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.20.010. ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED. (a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall provide professional guidance and financial assistance to organized groups of parents, nonprofit corporations, school districts, and regional educational attendance areas according to standards and regulations adopted by the department for providing special services, evaluation and special training required by exceptional children.

(b) The program established under (a) of this section shall emphasize individual needs and, where possible, be home based and involve parents in the education and training of their children.

\* Sec. 3. AS 47.20.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.20.020. STANDARDS FOR ASSISTANCE. The department shall assist organized parental groups, school

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districts, regional educational attendance areas, and non-profit corporations which have requested assistance and have arranged for the necessary facilities and equipment for training centers for exceptional children.

\* Sec. 4. AS 47.20.050(1) is amended to read:

(1) "exceptional children" includes those children who have not reached the age of three and whose development is significantly delayed due to mental retardation, physical, neurological, or emotional handicaps;

\* Sec. 5. AS 47.20.050 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(7) "professional guidance" means the consultative services or other medical and educational specialists developed by the department for the education and training of exceptional children;

(8) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services.

\* Sec. 6. AS 47.20.030, 47.20.040 and 47.20.050(3) and (6) are repealed.

\* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.