

Toi Gets Social Security Nest Egg

First claim under new amendments thanks to a change in the Social Security Law, 5 year old Toi Phillips is going to have a nest egg set aside for her education when she reaches college age. Toi's mother, Patricia Phillips, died last January.

Social Security benefits were not then payable to Toi because her mother was not currently working under Social Security. Mrs. Phillips had worked in the past, but quit when Toi was born. The law stated she must have worked 1½ years out of the 3 years before death in order for a child to receive benefits.

Under the 1967 Amendments just signed by the President, children can get benefits on their mother's social security account even if the mother had not currently worked under Social Security, if she had worked long enough in the past.

Toi's father is Brad Phillips, Majority Leader in the State Senate. He filed for Toi and gave his permission for this story so that this new information will be available to more people.

In Toi's case, Mr. Phillips will be putting the money in trust for her college education. Under the law there is no fixed way in which the money must be used as long as it is used for or saved for the child's needs.

This change in the law could affect any child whose mother died if the mother was either fully or currently insured when she died. Social Security is a legal right and is not based on need.

There are a large number

of children in the area serviced by the Anchorage District Office who can qualify under this new provision in the law. Most of these children are in the care and custody of their father, a relative, or a legal guardian.

Persons having a minor child in their care whose deceased mother had worked under Social Security should get in touch with the Social Security Office 514 2nd Ave. Fairbanks during the second full week of each month or write to the Anchorage office at 617 G. Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.