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MEMO

To: Members of the Alaska Legislature

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Re: Sectional for CS for House Bill 16 (28-LS0059\C)

Section 1: Requires a person applying for assistance to be a citizen of the United States or a legal alien to be eligible for specified cash assistance.

Section 2: Requires that an applicant for general relief assistance must sign a sworn statement that he or she is in the state legally and will not abuse alcohol or illegally obtained drugs will accepting assistance. It further provides that an individual may be denied assistance or the funds may be provided to an alternate payee if the person makes a false statement.

Section 3: Establishes that each applicant or recipient may be the subject of an investigation that could include suspicion based drug and alcohol abuse testing.

Section 4: Information of a refusal to submit to suspicion based testing may be used during an administrative hearing or appeal to a decision to cut a portion or all benefits.

Section 5: Requires that an applicant for adult assistance must sign a sworn statement that he or she is in the state legally and will not abuse alcohol or illegally obtained drugs will accepting assistance. It further provides that an individual may be denied assistance or the funds may be provided to an alternate payee if the person makes a false statement.

Section 6: Establishes that each applicant or recipient may be the subject of an investigation that could include suspicion based drug and alcohol abuse testing.

Section 7: Information of a refusal to submit to suspicion based testing may be used during an administrative hearing or appeal to a decision to cut a portion or all benefits.

Section 8: Requires the applicant to verify in writing if they have been on assistance in another state and if they have ever been denied or disqualified.

Section 9: The applicant for temporary assistance shall work with the Department toward self-sufficiency and will sign a statement that the members of the family being supported do not abuse alcohol or illegally obtained drugs.

Section 10: If the department denies or limits assistance based on a suspicion of alcohol or illegally obtained drug abuse the department will contact the recipient and request a drug or alcohol abuse test. Refusal will allow the department to proceed as if the applicant made a false statement on the application.

Section 11: Inserts language for denial or reduction to a protective payee based on providing false information on the application.

Section 12: A temporary assistance participant may lose or be denied assistance based on knowingly providing false information on the application.

Section 13: adds the language of the sworn statement of illegally obtained drugs or alcohol to the Alaska Native Family assistance program

Please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.