

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## **Brief Explanation of Changes: HB 151 Committee Substitute**

Several changes were made between version U of HB 151 (introduced 3/1/17) and Committee Substitute version R (to be introduced 3/16/17).

In all instances, the words “waiver” and “exemption” were removed, leaving only the word “variance” which is a more accurate and succinct term, according to the Department.

Sections 5, 11, 15, and 20 were removed. The intent of those sections was accomplished by language already in the bill.

In section 13 (in U version, section 17) the caseload provision for new workers in their first six months was amended, such that the 12 family caseload applies to the first six months, rather than the first 12 months. According to the Department, six months is the standard needed to apply for federal matching funds. The bill’s intent is to match this standard.

Several other minor changes were made in word choice and phrasing.