

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 434(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/6/98

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to family self-sufficiency plans under the Alaska temporary
2 assistance program; relating to the assessment of recipients of assistance under the
3 Alaska temporary assistance program for the use of alcohol and controlled
4 substances and compliance with recommendations of the assessment as a condition
5 of the recipient's family self-sufficiency plan; and providing for an effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 * **Section 1.** AS 47.27.030(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A participant in the Alaska temporary assistance program shall cooperate
9 with the department, or its designee, to develop and sign a family self-sufficiency plan
10 that includes

11 (1) the steps the family will take towards the self-sufficiency of the
12 family;

13 (2) the self-sufficiency services the department will provide to assist

1 the family to attain self-sufficiency;

2 (3) specific benchmarks to indicate the steps toward successful
3 completion of the family plan;

4 (4) a statement that the family may be subject to **reduction or**
5 **elimination of benefits** [BENEFIT REDUCTIONS] or other sanctions if the family
6 fails to comply with the family plan; and

7 (5) a statement that describes the necessary conditions and the steps
8 that must be taken to renegotiate the terms of the family plan.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.27.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (d) The department shall screen adult participants to identify barriers to family
11 self-sufficiency related to the use of alcohol or controlled substances. As a condition
12 of the plan, the department may refer the participant for assessment and require the
13 participant to comply with the recommendations of the assessment as a condition of
14 the family self-sufficiency plan. Assessments shall be conducted at a facility approved
15 under AS 47.37.140.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.