

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 116(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/12/01

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Alaska temporary assistance program; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.27.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) When determining under (a)(1) of this section whether an adult has
6 received benefits for a total of 60 months, the department shall disregard the months
7 that are required to be disregarded under 42 U.S.C. 608(a)(7)(D).

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.27.025(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) The department shall, for the months of July, August, and September,
10 reduce by 50 percent the maximum assistance for which the family is otherwise
11 eligible if the family's eligibility for assistance is based on AS 47.27.010(4), unless
12 the second needy parent is determined, under regulations of the department, to
13 be physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity [THE
14 UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILY'S PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER].

1 However, if the commissioner determines that temporary economic conditions have
2 resulted in decreased employment opportunities during those months and a reduction
3 in assistance would impose an undue hardship on a family, the department may waive
4 application of this subsection with respect to that family.

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.27.030(c)(2) is repealed.

6 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. Notwithstanding sec. 6 of this Act, the
9 Department of Health and Social Services may immediately proceed to adopt regulations
10 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under
11 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the statutory
12 change implemented by the regulations.

13 * **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 4 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

14 * **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 2001.