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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 447

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for state action to increase
7 vocational opportunities of persons who are working
8 below skill capacities or are unemployed; and provid-
9 ing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 14.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 Sec. 14.35.100. STATE TRAINING PROGRAMS. (a) The director shall
13 develop and approve the development of training programs for training
14 program participants.

15 (b) To implement the provisions of (a) of this section, the
16 director may enter into agreements with training program sponsors
17 for the development and operation of training programs. The director,
18 in accordance with standards prescribed by him, may reimburse training
19 program sponsors for training program costs for a period not to exceed
20 two years, within the amounts available by appropriation.

21 (c) In approving a training program under this section, the
22 director shall give due consideration to existing and prospective
23 conditions of the labor market in the state, by taking into account
24 the present and anticipated supply of, and demand for, labor in the
25 occupation or skill to which the training program relates and other
26 relevant factors. The director shall not approve a training program un-
27 less he determines, in accordance with regulations as he may prescribe,
28 that:

29 (1) the program relates to an occupation or skill for

1 which there are, or are expected to be in the immediate future,
2 reasonable employment opportunities in the state;

3 (2) the program will not result in the displacement of
4 employed workers;

5 (3) the training program sponsor is competent and reliable,
6 has adequate and safe facilities and has adequate training personnel;

7 (4) the content of the training program is adequate and
8 will result in the qualification of trainees for suitable employment;

9 (5) the training program sponsor has agreed to maintain
10 records of attendance and progress of training program participants
11 and to furnish information and reports as the director may prescribe
12 by regulation.

13 (d) If a training program approved by the director fails to meet
14 the standards provided for in (c) of this section, or if a training
15 program sponsor breaches any of his undertakings, the director, after
16 due notice and an opportunity for the sponsor to be heard, may cancel,
17 terminate or suspend the agreement with the sponsor in whole or in
18 part. Other remedies may be invoked as permitted by law. The director
19 shall by regulation provide for the initiation and conduct of hearings
20 under this subsection. The determination of the director in matters
21 arising under this subsection shall be final.

22 Sec. 14.35.110. STANDARDS FOR ALLOWANCES. (a) The director,
23 in accordance with standards prescribed by him, may pay:

24 (1) training allowances to training program participants;

25 (2) subsistence allowances to training program participants
26 who are required to live away from their normal residences to attend
27 a training program;

28 (3) transportation allowances to training program partici-
29 pants who are required to travel substantial distances to attend a

1 training program.

2 (b) In determining standards for allowances under (a) of this
3 section, the director shall take into consideration data relating to
4 the costs of living to training program participants, wages or unem-
5 ployment compensation paid to participants, and, in the case of
6 transportation allowances, the cost of transportation involved.

7 (c) The director may make advance payments of allowances to
8 training program participants who, because of immediate financial needs
9 for their maintenance or that of their dependents pending receipt of
10 allowances, would otherwise be unable to enter upon or continue training

11 Sec. 14.35.120. PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR TRAINING. (a) Admission of
12 an applicant to a training program shall not be approved by the director
13 unless he finds in accordance with regulations prescribed by him that

14 (1) suitable employment opportunities for the applicant are
15 or may be substantially limited because

16 (A) the applicant lacks skills needed to obtain suitable
17 fulltime employment, or

18 (B) existing or prospective conditions in the labor
19 market, technological change, plant closing, removal or discon-
20 tinuance of specific operations, the seasonal nature of the industry
21 or other factors reduce or limit employment opportunities for the
22 applicant in his present occupation or skill;

23 (2) the applicant has the required aptitudes and qualifica-
24 tions to complete the program successfully.

25 Sec. 14.35.130. PRESERVATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

26 A training program participant shall not become ineligible for benefits
27 under the Alaska Employment Security Act because of his regular attendance
28 at a training program which the director has approved and continues from
29 time to time to approve for the participant.

1 Sec. 14.35.140. REGULATIONS. The director may adopt regulations
2 consistent with secs. 100 - 130 of this chapter which he deems neces-
3 sary to implement those sections.

4 Sec. 14.35.150. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 100 - 140 of this chapter

5 (1) "director" means the director of the division of
6 vocational-technical education;

7 (2) "training program" means a prevocational, institutional,
8 on-the-job training or related program for the occupational training
9 or retraining of training program participants;

10 (3) "training program sponsor" means a public or private
11 institution of learning, employer, trade association, labor organiza-
12 tion or other public or private agency, organization, or persons which
13 the director determines is qualified to conduct one or more training
14 programs;

15 (4) "training program participant" means a person who has
16 been admitted to a training program;

17 (5) "training program costs" means the aggregate of costs
18 actually incurred by a training program sponsor and approved by the
19 director as reasonable and necessary for the development and carrying
20 out of a training program.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1970.
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