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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 695 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a temporary board to plan for the  
7 establishment of a permanent Board of Employment Train-  
8 ing and Vocational Education; and providing for an  
9 effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature

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(1) Alaskans be trained for Alaskan jobs;

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(2) employment training and vocational education programs in the

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state be unified and responsibility for those programs be placed in a single  
16 independent board;

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(3) members of the state's private sector most familiar with the

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needs of business, industry, and labor and the changing opportunities in the

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Alaska job market take the lead in planning, establishing policy, and develop-

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ing programs in employment training and vocational education that will assist

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in meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers and in fostering eco-

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nomie development in the state;

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(4) persons, without regard to age, sex, race, religious or polit-

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ical persuasion, or ethnic background, in all communities of the state,

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including those in high school, those in postsecondary schools, those who

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have completed or discontinued formal education and are preparing to enter

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the labor market, those who have already entered the labor market but need to

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upgrade or learn new skills, those unemployed, those disadvantaged, and those

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with special educational disabilities, will have ready access to employment

1 training or retraining and vocational education that is of high quality, that  
2 is realistic in the light of actual or anticipated opportunities for gainful  
3 employment, and that is suited to needs, interests, and ability to benefit  
4 from the training; and

5 (5) quality employment training and vocational education programs  
6 be established throughout the state through the development of comprehensive  
7 statewide planning, improved data collection and uniform training standards  
8 and the cooperation of business, industry, education, and labor in order to  
9 foster continued economic development in the state.

10 \* Sec. 2. BOARD OF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. (a)  
11 The Board of Employment Training and Vocational Education is established in  
12 the Department of Education. The board is not a division in the department.  
13 The board is in the department for administrative support services only and  
14 is not subject to the direction of the commissioner of education or the state  
15 Board of Education.

16 (b) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The  
17 membership of the board shall include persons representing business and labor  
18 and persons who are vocational educational instructors.

19 (c) The board shall elect a chairman from among its members.

20 \* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. A member of the board serves without compensa-  
21 tion, but is entitled to the same travel and per diem authorized by law for  
22 members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

23 \* Sec. 4. By February 15, 1983, the Board of Employment Training and  
24 Vocational Education shall submit to the legislature

25 (1) a plan that provides for the establishment by July 1, 1983, of  
26 a permanent Board of Employment Training and Vocational Education to perform  
27 at least the following duties:

28 (A) establish statewide priorities for the use of resources  
29 available for employment training and vocational education;

1 (B) develop annual and multiple-year statewide plans for  
2 employment training and vocational education programs;

3 (C) report annually to the legislature;

4 (D) provide for transferability between employment training  
5 and vocational education programs throughout the state;

6 (E) provide for coordination of secondary and postsecondary  
7 employment training and vocational education programs throughout the  
8 state;

9 (F) provide for the representation of local community members  
10 in vocational education matters that affect their communities;

11 (G) review

12 (i) all employment training and vocational education  
13 programs administered by the University of Alaska and the Department  
14 of Education at the postsecondary and adult levels that do not lead  
15 to a baccalaureate or graduate degree;

16 (ii) all supplemental programs for employment training  
17 and vocational education established and financed in accordance  
18 with AS 14.17.061;

19 (iii) state adult vocational and technical training  
20 centers;

21 (iv) programs established under the Comprehensive  
22 Employment and Training Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-203; 29 U.S.C. secs.  
23 801 - 999), except as provided otherwise by federal law; and

24 (v) on-the-job and classroom training programs estab-  
25 lished under state law to replace or supplement Comprehensive  
26 Employment and Training Act programs;

27 (H) establish and maintain a list of persons who possess  
28 vocational and technical skills to give part-time or periodic employment  
29 training and vocational education instruction on a contract basis to a

1 school district, regional educational attendance area, or postsecondary  
2 institution;

3 (I) serve as the state board for the purposes of the federal  
4 Acts described in AS 14.35.010;

5 (2) a plan for the establishment and administration of an  
6 employment training for economic development fund for the purpose of develop-  
7 ing a technically skilled Alaska work force for economic development projects  
8 and to establish short-term technical training programs;

9 (3) a proposed budget for the board and its programs for fiscal  
10 year 1984;

11 (4) other information, including proposed legislation, that would  
12 assist the legislature in improving employment training and vocational educa-  
13 tion in the state.

14 \* Sec. 5. The Board of Employment Training and Vocational Education may  
15 contract for staff and services necessary to develop the plans, budget, and  
16 information required by sec. 4 of this Act.

17 \* Sec. 6. DEFINITIONS. In this Act, unless the context indicates other-  
18 wise,

19 (1) "board" means the Board of Employment Training and Vocational  
20 Education;

21 (2) "employment training" means instruction, usually for a short-  
22 term period, in specific job skills;

23 (3) "vocational education" means organized educational programs  
24 that prepare individuals for employment or volunteer work in a particular  
25 occupation or job not requiring a baccalaureate or advanced degree.

26 \* Sec. 7. This Act is repealed on July 1, 1983.

27 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.  
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