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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 318

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a state training and employment  
7 program; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The legislature  
10 finds that private businesses and industries that have been organized  
11 for profit making, especially those involved with resource development  
12 and resource development support industries, would benefit from the  
13 availability of skilled local workers capable of meeting labor market  
14 demands, and that Alaska's citizens would benefit from employment and  
15 training programs designed to meet those demands. It is the purpose  
16 of this Act to establish a state training and employment program  
17 designed to address Alaska's unique private sector labor demands and  
18 the concomitant training and employment needs of Alaska's people.  
19 The goals of the state training and employment program will be to  
20 provide effective training experiences and necessary support services  
21 designed to upgrade the work skills of residents already in the labor  
22 force, as well as to enhance the employability of those Alaskans who  
23 want to join the labor force but who lack vocational preparation or  
24 face other barriers to employment.

25 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 ARTICLE 6. STATE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

27 Sec. 23.15.660. STATE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

28 (a) The state training and employment program is established  
29 in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

1 (b) To administer the state training and employment program  
2 the department may

3 (1) administer state money appropriated to the  
4 state training and employment program;

5 (2) implement programs to promote

6 (A) the expansion of employment opportunities for  
7 Alaskan residents in private for-profit businesses and  
8 industries, through on-the-job and classroom training;

9 (B) the opportunity for career advancement  
10 by providing training to upgrade the skills of residents  
11 currently employed in private for-profit businesses and  
12 industries;

13 (C) the expansion of employment and training  
14 opportunities in the private nonprofit and public sectors,  
15 especially in rural areas, through on-the-job and classroom  
16 training;

17 (D) the opportunity for a youth to make realis-  
18 tic career decisions by providing vocational exploration  
19 experiences in the private for-profit sector;

20 (E) the removal of employment barriers by  
21 providing special services or training on an as-needed basis;

22 (3) receive and evaluate training and employment  
23 proposals from organizations providing or intending to provide  
24 training or employment services in the state;

25 (4) contract with organizations with demonstrated  
26 ability to provide effective training and employment services  
27 in the state to operate training and employment programs subject  
28 to the regulations adopted under this section;

29 (5) coordinate the program established under this

1 section with economic development activities and organized labor  
2 efforts, and with related activities such as local and regional  
3 socio-economic development planning, and with public assistance  
4 programs administered by the state; and

5 (6) set priorities for delivery of services under  
6 the state training and employment program among persons who are  
7 unemployed or underemployed residents.

8 (c) The department may not operate specific projects  
9 authorized under this section.

10 (d) The department may not allocate more than 25 percent  
11 of the money appropriated for the state training and employment  
12 program for employment and training services within the private  
13 nonprofit and public sectors.

14 (e) At least 30 percent of the money appropriated for the  
15 state training and employment program shall be allocated by the  
16 department to municipalities with more than 100,000 people.

17 (f) At least 40 percent of the appropriated money shall  
18 be made available to those federally recognized Native American  
19 grantees who were operating in the state on January 1, 1981.  
20 Disbursement of money to Native American grantees shall be on  
21 the basis of competitive proposals.

22 (g) The department shall adopt regulations enabling it to

23 (1) carry out its duties under this section;

24 (2) administer the expenditure of money for contracts  
25 authorized under this section through manpower planning councils,  
26 when applicable.

27 \* Section 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with  
28 AS 01.10.070(c).

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