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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 638

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a work experience program for
7 persons who receive aid to families with dependent
8 children; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds that a need
11 exists for a work experience program in the state that will help employable
12 recipients of aid to families with dependent children become self-supporting.
13 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program that will require
14 certain recipients to work in the public sector or private sector as a condi-
15 tion of eligibility for aid to families with dependent children.

16 * Sec. 2. WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. (a) The Department of Health and
17 Social Services shall develop and administer a work experience program in
18 each unified municipality and each city with a population of at least 40,000
19 residents. The department may develop and administer a work experience
20 program in other areas of the state. A work experience program administered
21 under this Act shall provide work in the public sector or private sector for
22 certain recipients of aid to families with dependent children.

23 (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall designate cate-
24 gories of recipients who will be required to participate in the work ex-
25 perience program as a condition of eligibility for aid to families with
26 dependent children. A work experience program shall

27 (1) provide work experience for designated persons who receive aid
28 to families with dependent children;

29 (2) whenever possible, operate through existing work or employment

1 training programs to minimize costs to the state;

2 (3) promote the goal of increasing the percentage of gainfully
3 employed persons within the group of persons who receive aid to families with
4 dependent children;

5 (4) reduce state expenses in providing aid to families with depen-
6 dent children;

7 (5) require designated persons who receive aid to families with
8 dependent children to engage in work for the public benefit;

9 (6) help train a labor force to meet the need for additional
10 employees without displacing persons already employed from jobs.

11 * Sec. 3. By January 30, 1983, the Department of Health and Social
12 Services shall submit a report to the legislature on the work experience
13 program that includes

14 (1) a review of the activities of the program;

15 (2) an analysis of the cost effectiveness of the program;

16 (3) recommendations on improvements to the program;

17 (4) recommendations on possible expansion of the program;

18 (5) recommendations on whether the program should be continued.

19 * Sec. 4. This Act is repealed July 30, 1983.

20 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
21 070(c).

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