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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the governor to direct the
6 commissioner of health and social
7 services to prepare a job training
8 and work experience program for AFDC
9 recipients.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 WHEREAS the current state budget of \$35 million for Aid to Families with
12 Dependent Children (AFDC) is a significant contribution of limited state
13 resources to needy children and their families and is more than twice the
14 budget of the program five years ago; and

15 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state to provide to adult
16 members of families receiving assistance under the AFDC program opportunities
17 for job training and work experience that will enhance their employability
18 and increase the likelihood of their achieving economic independence; and

19 WHEREAS job training and employment programs being offered in the state
20 are unable to meet the needs of AFDC recipients and other state residents;
21 and

22 WHEREAS job training and work experience programs can promote self-
23 esteem, dignity, and responsible work attitudes; can assist in providing the
24 training and establishing the work history often necessary to obtain and keep
25 gainful employment; and can help develop the state's economy by providing a
26 labor force trained to meet the needs of local employers; and

27 WHEREAS in the absence of a state requirement it is likely that the
28 federal government will impose a national work requirement on the Alaska AFDC
29 program by October 1, 1982, that may be inconsistent with the needs of the

1 state;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the governor is respectfully requested
3 to direct the commissioner of health and social services to submit to the
4 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee by October 1, 1982, a report on the
5 feasibility of a job training and work experience program for adult AFDC
6 applicants and recipients in the state, and including a description of

7 (1) the types of recipients and applicants who would benefit by
8 participating in a job training and work experience program;

9 (2) types of job training and work experience that would be pro-
10 vided by government and private employers under the program;

11 (3) areas in the state that would be served by the program;

12 (4) existing programs that would be available to assist in imple-
13 menting the program;

14 (5) supplemental support services that may be required to implement
15 the program, such as day care services and vocational training courses;

16 (6) cooperative arrangements that the Department of Health and
17 Social Services may desire to make with organizations or entities, such as
18 the University of Alaska and Alaska Native corporations, to implement the
19 program; and

20 (7) federal and state requirements that must be met in order to
21 implement the program, such as federal approval of AFDC demonstration pro-
22 jects; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
24 the commissioner of health and social services to submit to the legislature
25 by January 30, 1983, a final report concerning plans for the implementation
26 of, and progress made toward the establishment of, a job training and work
27 experience program for adult AFDC recipients and applicants.

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