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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 99 (Judiciary)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public assistance employment  
7 programs."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 47.05.070. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. (a)

11 The department may establish programs that provide applicants for  
12 public assistance and public assistance recipients with social ser-  
13 vices, including child care and transportation, needed to participate in  
14 the program and with incentives and training needed to obtain employ-  
15 ment, or with actual work experience.

16 (b) The department may require participation in a program as a  
17 condition of eligibility for public assistance. However, the depart-  
18 ment may not require an applicant or recipient to perform uncompen-  
19 sated work as a condition of eligibility for public assistance.

20 (c) The department shall provide an applicant or recipient with  
21 money or other resources it finds necessary to enable the applicant or  
22 recipient to participate in a program. The total value of money or  
23 other resources and aid payments may exceed maximum payment levels  
24 established under this title.

25 (d) The department may not require an applicant or recipient to  
26 participate in a program under this section as a condition of eligi-  
27 bility for public assistance if participation will cause a substantial  
28 hardship for the applicant or recipient, for other extraordinary  
29 cause, or if the applicant or recipient is

- 1 (1) under 16 years of age or 65 years of age or older;  
2 (2) a full-time student under 18 years of age;  
3 (3) ill or incapacitated, if medical evidence or other  
4 sound basis confirms that the illness or incapacity prevents entry  
5 into employment or training;  
6 (4) residing in a remote area that requires more than two  
7 hours traveling time to complete a round trip between home and program  
8 area or work or training site by reasonably available transport;  
9 (5) with only brief and infrequent absence, the primary  
10 caretaker of a child or children under six years of age residing in  
11 the same household or of a household member who has a verified phys-  
12 ical or mental impairment that requires the presence of the primary  
13 caretaker in the home on a substantially continuous basis;  
14 (6) the primary caretaker of a child in the household if  
15 another adult in the same household is registered and participating in  
16 the program;  
17 (7) employed and working at least 30 hours a week at a job  
18 expected to last at least 30 days.