

Introduced: 2/13/89
Referred: Health, Education & Social
Services, Labor & Commerce and
Finance

6-0563A

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ELLIS, BOYER, M.DAVIS,
BROWN, COLLINS, SPOHNHOLZ,
ULMER, GOLL, MENARD, KOPONEN
AND NAVARRE

2

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to aid to families with dependent
7 children for two-parent families; establishing an
8 employment incentive for recipients of aid to famil-
9 ies with dependent children; and providing for an
10 effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. FINDINGS. In AS 47.25.400, the legislature has declared
13 that a purpose of the program of aid to families with dependent children is
14 to strengthen family life. The legislature finds that this purpose would
15 be promoted by granting aid on behalf of children who are deprived of
16 parental support by reason of the unemployment of a parent. If this aid
17 were authorized, there would be no disincentive to keeping a family intact
18 because aid would be provided even if both parents were still in the
19 child's household. Therefore, this Act expands the eligibility of children
20 and families to receive aid by including two-parent families who meet the
21 applicable income and resources standards.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.310 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

23 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a family consisting of
24 both parents and a dependent child who is otherwise eligible for
25 assistance because of the unemployment of a parent, is not eligible
26 for assistance unless at least one of the parents participates for 40
27 hours per week in an education and training program established under
28 state or federal law.

29 (c) The requirement of (b) of this section does not apply to a

1 family in which a parent is under the age of 25 and has not completed
2 high school or an equivalent course of education if that parent par-
3 ticipates on a full-time basis in educational activities directed at
4 the attainment of a high school diploma or equivalent or another basic
5 education program established under state or federal law. If both
6 parents are under age 25, the requirement of this subsection applies
7 to only one parent.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 47.25.367. EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVES. The department shall
10 grant assistance in excess of the maximum established under AS 47.25.-
11 320 for 12 months to a parent or relative with whom a dependent child
12 receiving assistance under AS 47.25.310 - 47.25.420 resides to encour-
13 age the parent or relative to be employed in a job that is not subsi-
14 dized by a governmental entity or to participate in a work supple-
15 mental program. The amount of assistance granted under this section,
16 when added to other income and support available to the child, shall
17 equal

18 (1) 135 percent of the maximum aid allowed under AS 47.25.-
19 320 if the parent or family member has a full-time unsubsidized job;

20 (2) 120 percent of the maximum aid allowed under AS 47.25.-
21 320 if the parent or family member has a part-time unsubsidized job or
22 is participating in a work supplemental program established under
23 state law.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.410(3) is amended to read:

25 (3) "dependent child" means a needy child under 18 years of
26 age who is deprived of parental support or care by reason of the
27 death, continued absence from the home, unemployment, or physical or
28 mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with a father,
29 mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather,

1 stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin,
2 nephew, or niece in a place of residence maintained by one or more of
3 these relatives as the child's home or their own home, and includes a
4 child

5 (A) who would come within the meaning of dependent
6 child except for removal of the child after April 30, 1961, from
7 the home of a relative as a result of a judicial determination to
8 the effect that continuation therein would be contrary to the
9 welfare of the child,

10 (B) for whose placement the department is responsible,

11 (C) who has been placed in a foster family home as a
12 result of such determination, and

13 (D) who received aid under this plan in and for the
14 month in which court proceedings leading to such determination
15 were initiated;

16 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect April 1, 1990.