

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 522

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the Alaska Court System to estab-  
7 lish and evaluate a mediation pilot project."

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

9 \* Section 1. MEDIATION PILOT PROJECT. (a) The Alaska Court System  
10 shall

11 (1) create a pilot project for mediation using a court mediator  
12 in Anchorage and Fairbanks for specified cases; and

13 (2) evaluate the project created under (1) of this subsection  
14 for cost effectiveness, efficiency, and participant satisfaction.

15 (b) In establishing the pilot project for mediation under (a) of this  
16 section, the Alaska Court System shall

17 (1) exclude from the scope of the project cases involving domes-  
18 tic violence on any family members;

19 (2) limit mandatory participation of parties to one mediation  
20 session, after which either party may choose to withdraw from mediation;

21 (3) inform all parties of their rights and the scope and purpose  
22 of the pilot project before mediation begins; and

23 (4) allow parties to consult with their attorneys at any point  
24 during the mediation process.

25 (c) If a matter is submitted to mediation under the pilot project for  
26 mediation established under (a) of this section and the mediation fails,  
27 the Alaska Court System shall

28 (1) ensure that the resolution of the matter is not delayed by  
29 the court because of the mediation; and

1           (2) disqualify the mediator from making recommendations to the  
2 court about the disposition of the controversy.  
3       \* Sec. 2. Section 1 of this Act is repealed one year after the effec-  
4 tive date of this Act.