

SENATE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DUNCAN

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: HESS and Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted and the
2 definition of 'developmentally disabled'."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 47.80.040(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The council consists of no fewer than 18 nor more than 26 [23] members appointed
6 by the governor in accordance with P.L. 91-517, P.L. 94-103, P.L. 94-142, P.L. 99-457, as
7 amended, and AS 14.30.231.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 47.80.070(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The department shall provide for the assignment of personnel to the council to ensure
10 that the council has the capacity to fulfill its responsibilities. The personnel must include an
11 executive director who shall be selected by the council. The executive director and other
12 personnel assigned to the council shall be directly responsible to the council for performance
13 of their duties.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 47.80.900(7) is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 (7) "person with a developmental disability" means a person who has a severe,
2 chronic disability that

3 (A) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of
4 mental and physical impairments;

5 (B) is manifested before the person attains age 22;

6 (C) is likely to continue indefinitely;

7 (D) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the
8 following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language,
9 learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-
10 sufficiency; and

11 (E) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special,
12 interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or
13 extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;