

HOUSE BILL NO. 431

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOTT

Introduced: 2/2/94

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the payment of aid to families with dependent children in
2 the case of pregnant minors and minors who are parents."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 47.25.360 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 47.25.360. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon the completion of the
6 investigation, the department shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance
7 under AS 47.25.310 - 47.25.420, the amount of assistance, and the date on which it
8 starts. The department shall notify the person having custody of the child of its
9 decision. Except as provided in AS 47.25.362(b), the [THE] assistance shall be paid
10 monthly to the person having custody of the child upon order of the department.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 47.25.362. ASSISTANCE TO MINORS WITH CHILDREN. (a) Except
13 as provided in (c) of this section, the department shall require, as a condition of
14 eligibility for assistance, that a minor parent must reside in a

1 (1) place of residence maintained by the minor's parent, legal guardian,
2 or other adult relative of the minor as the parent's, guardian's, or other adult relative's
3 own home; or

4 (2) foster home, maternity home, or other adult supervised supportive
5 living arrangement.

6 (b) Notwithstanding AS 47.25.360, the department shall, where possible, pay
7 assistance on behalf of a minor parent who is subject to the requirements of (a) of this
8 section to the minor's parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative, or, as applicable,
9 to the head of the adult supervised supportive living arrangement where the minor
10 parent resides.

11 (c) This section does not apply if

12 (1) the minor parent does not have a parent or legal guardian who is
13 living and whose whereabouts is known;

14 (2) a living parent or legal guardian of the minor parent will not allow
15 the minor to live in the home of the parent or guardian;

16 (3) the department determines that the physical or emotional health or
17 safety of the minor parent or the minor's child would be jeopardized if the minor and
18 the minor's child lived in the same residence with the minor's parent or guardian;

19 (4) the minor parent lived apart from the minor's parent or legal
20 guardian for either one year before the birth of the dependent child or one year before
21 the minor parent submitted the application for assistance; or

22 (5) the department otherwise determines under regulations that are
23 consistent with corresponding federal regulations that there is good cause for waiving
24 the requirements of (a) of this section in the case of a particular minor parent.

25 (d) In this section, "minor parent" means a person who is under the age of 18,
26 who has never married, and is either

27 (1) the natural parent of a dependent child living in the same
28 household; or

29 (2) eligible for assistance as a pregnant woman.