

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36(HES)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/15/93**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BRICE, Navarre, B.Davis, Finkelstein, Brown, Nordlund, James, Menard, Nicholia, Kott**

**SENATORS Taylor, Salo, Duncan, Little, Pearce, Ellis, Kelly, Leman, Kerttula, Rieger, Donley, Zharoff**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the federal Department of Health and Human Services to repeal the**  
2 **"100-hour rule" relating to employment of certain persons receiving AFDC and**  
3 **to replace it with a regulation that will serve as an incentive for AFDC**  
4 **recipients to accept employment of more than 100 hours a month.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) includes aid for a child  
7 of a parent who is less than fully employed; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Congress, in 42 U.S.C. 607(a), has allowed the federal Department  
9 of Health and Human Services to define the meaning of "unemployed" with respect to the  
10 AFDC program; and

11 **WHEREAS** the federal Department of Health and Human Services, in 45 C.F.R.  
12 233.100, defines "unemployed " to mean being employed less than 100 hours per month; and

13 **WHEREAS** this "100-hour rule," which denies benefits to families where a parent  
14 works more than 100 hours in a month, fosters dependency, increases the cost of the program,  
15 and wastes state and federal program dollars; and

16 **WHEREAS** this rule frequently means that AFDC recipients cannot afford to accept

1 any work that would put them over the 100-hour limit even though they would still be less  
2 than fully employed; and

3 **WHEREAS**, because of this rule, families that might work themselves off of AFDC  
4 turn down part-time work and stay on AFDC hoping for a job that will pay enough to support  
5 them, thereby giving up a source of income that would partially support the family and reduce  
6 their AFDC benefits;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the federal Department  
8 of Health and Human Services to repeal the "100-hour rule" in 45 C.F.R. 233.100 and replace  
9 it with a regulation that will encourage AFDC recipients to accept employment, regardless of  
10 the number of hours worked, remaining eligible for AFDC benefits as long as the amount of  
11 their income does not exceed the state's standard of need.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
13 United States; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and to the  
14 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the  
15 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.