

SENATE BILL NO. 255

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 1/18/94  
Referred: CRA, L&C, HES, STA

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing a comprehensive policy relating to human resource  
2 development in the state."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

5           Sec. 44.99.130. STATEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
6 POLICY FOR THE STATE. (a) State programs and activities in the fields of  
7 economic development, education, vocational education, job training, and social service  
8 shall be coordinated to further the state's primary goal of enabling the people of the  
9 state to become part of a literate, skilled, and productive work force and to have an  
10 opportunity to earn a living wage. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
11 Development, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the Department of  
12 Education, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Labor,  
13 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the University of Alaska shall  
14 plan, coordinate, and implement their programs and activities to better achieve the

1 state's primary goal.

2 (b) Public officials responsible for economic development programs and  
3 systems in the state shall coordinate planning with public officials responsible for job  
4 training and human resource development programs and systems concerning anticipated  
5 economic development activities so that those programs and systems can prepare  
6 clients for the forthcoming employment opportunities in a timely manner.

7 (c) Public officials responsible for education programs and systems, including  
8 vocational education, shall structure those programs and systems to prepare students  
9 to enter the work force. To this end, the state's educational system shall ensure that  
10 students develop competency in basic and technological skills along with work force  
11 readiness values.

12 (d) Public officials responsible for the state's job training system shall  
13 coordinate with business, industry, and labor in the state to anticipate and provide  
14 appropriate training for new employment opportunities that are opening up because of  
15 economic development and other employment opportunities that are already present or  
16 developing in the state.

17 (e) The social service programs of the state shall be structured to provide an  
18 avenue for people who are unemployed to make the transition from welfare to  
19 employment and self-sufficiency and shall coordinate to ensure that social services and  
20 human resource development services are available to a client in a centralized location  
21 with convenient, coordinated hours of service.

22 (f) To plan, monitor, and coordinate the programs, systems, and activities  
23 identified in this section, the governor shall use the Alaska Job Training Council as the  
24 recognized state job training coordinating council. The council shall submit a report  
25 making recommendations on ways in which the state can enhance the coordination and  
26 delivery of economic development and human resource development programs and  
27 systems, education programs and systems, including vocational education, the job  
28 training system, and social service programs to enable the people of the state to  
29 become part of a literate, skilled, and productive work force and to have an  
30 opportunity to earn a living wage. The council shall submit the report every other year  
31 to the governor and to the legislature, in years alternating with the Governor's

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Coordination and Special Services Plan.