

## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 255(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/18/94  
Referred: State Affairs

Sponsor(s): SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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 Administration, the Department  
11 of Commerce and Economic Development, the Department of Community and  
12 Regional Affairs, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the  
13 Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Health and Social Services, the  
14 Department of Labor, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the

1 University of Alaska shall plan, coordinate, and implement their programs and  
2 activities to better achieve the state's primary goal.

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

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

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

18 (e) Social service programs of the state shall encourage people who are  
19 unemployed to make the transition from welfare to employment and self-sufficiency.  
20 Public officials responsible for these programs shall coordinate the public assistance,  
21 social services, and human resource development services available to a client.

22 (f) Public officials responsible for human resource programs shall coordinate  
23 to minimize duplication of programs, increase sharing of resources, and make access  
24 to information and services more convenient to the people of the state.

25 (g) To plan, monitor, and coordinate the programs, systems, and activities  
26 identified in this section, the governor shall use the Alaska Job Training Council as the  
27 recognized state job training coordinating council. The council shall submit a report  
28 making recommendations on ways in which the state can enhance the coordination and  
29 delivery of economic development and human resource development programs and  
30 systems, education programs and systems, including vocational education, the job  
31 training system, and social service programs to enable the people of the state to

1 become part of a literate, skilled, and productive work force and to have an  
2 opportunity to earn a living wage. The council shall submit the report every other year  
3 to the governor and to the legislature, in years alternating with the Governor's  
4 Coordination and Special Services Plan.

5 (h) The legislative auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the  
6 implementation of the policy provided in this section during fiscal year 1998 and every  
7 four years thereafter.