

CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 255
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/2/94

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 business
10 community and to have an opportunity to earn a living. The Department of
11 Administration, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the
12 Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the Department of Corrections, the
13 Department of Education, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Health
14 and Social Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Military and

1 Veterans' Affairs, and the University of Alaska shall plan, coordinate, and implement
2 their programs and 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 and business community. To this end, the state's educational
11 system shall ensure that students develop competency in basic and technological skills
12 along with work force and business 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 existing and new employment and business opportunities.

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

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

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

1 other year to the governor and to the legislature, in years alternating with the
2 Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan.

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