

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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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 part-time employment.**

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 part-time employment while
10 still remaining eligible for partial AFDC benefits.

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