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COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE

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FURTHER: FINANCE

1/23/85

Date: March 24, 1986

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had HB 99

"An Act relating to public assistance employment programs."

under consideration and recommends:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 99 (HESS) same title
 new title
- and recommends do pass
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note amended fiscal note
- reports it back without recommendation Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Max Shuckberg

John T. Taylor

John K. ...

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MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

David W. ... - NO REC

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Max Shuckberg
CHAIRMAN

John K. ...

IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 99 (HESS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public assistance employment programs."

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

* Section 1. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.05.070. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. (a)

The department may establish programs that provide applicants for public assistance and public assistance recipients with social services, including child care and transportation, needed to participate in the program and with incentives and training needed to obtain employment, or with actual work experience.

(b) The department may require participation in a program as a condition of eligibility for public assistance.

(c) The department may provide an applicant or recipient with money or other resources it finds necessary to enable the applicant or recipient to participate in a program. The total value of money or other resources and aid payments may exceed maximum payment levels established under this title.

(d) The department may not require an applicant or recipient to participate in a program under this section as a condition of eligibility for public assistance if the applicant or recipient is

(1) under 16 years of age or 65 years of age or older;

(2) a full-time student under 18 years age;

(3) ill or incapacitated, if medical evidence or other sound basis confirms that the illness or incapacity prevents entry

into employment or training;

(4) residing in a remote area that requires more than two hours traveling time to complete a round trip between home and program area or work or training site by reasonably available transport;

(5) with only brief and infrequent absence, the primary caretaker of a child or children under six years of age residing in the same household or of a household member who has a verified physical or mental impairment that requires the presence of the primary caretaker in the home on a substantially continuous basis;

(6) the primary caretaker of a child in the household if another adult in the same household is registered and participating in the program;

(7) employed and working at least 30 hours a week at a job expected to last at least 30 days.

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interrupted, necessary medical
ts set by the legislature.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Sheffield
Governor"

s Committee by request of the

o public assistance

id referred to the Health,
l Finance Committees.

HB 99

A fiscal note was attached and appears in House Journal Supplement No. 7. The Governor's transmittal letter, dated January 23, 1985, appears below:

"Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to public assistance employment programs. The bill authorizes the creation of programs that encourage public assistance applicants to work as an alternative to receiving aid.

The bill has three components: it authorizes the Department of Health and Social Services to establish employment and training programs; it allows the department to require participation in a program as a condition of eligibility or as recompense for aid payments; and it allows the department to give an applicant money or provide services that enable the applicant to participate in a program.

Under the first component, the department may establish programs that encourage persons to prepare for, seek, and retain employment so that they will not need public assistance. The Work Incentive Program administered by the Department of Labor under AS 23.15.250 has been successful and the Department of Health and Social Services needs the authority granted in this bill to enable it to adopt and administer similar programs.

The second component allows the department to mandate participation in a program it establishes as a condition of eligibility, or as recompense, for assistance. Participation in a program would give an applicant placement information, vocational skills, on-the-job training, or other assistance the applicant needs to become self-supporting.

The final component allows the department to provide an applicant with money or services the applicant needs in order to participate in employment programs (e.g. bus fare, day care), without having to reduce the applicant's assistance by the amount of money or the value of the services provided. Applicants' assistance payments need not be reduced as a consequence of receiving the money or services because the bill permits total benefits to exceed maximum payment levels.

The experience of other states indicates that training and employment programs have been successful in putting welfare applicants on their way to self-support. I urge you to adopt this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Sheffield
Governor"

Introduced: 1/23/85
Referred: Health, Education & Social
Services and Finance

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 99

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public assistance employment
7 programs."

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

9 *Section 1. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 47.05.012. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. (a)

11 The department may establish programs that provide public assistance
12 applicants/recipients with social services (such as child care
13 and transportation) necessary for participation, and with incentives,
14 and training, needed to obtain employment, or with actual work experience.

15 (b) The department may require participation in a program as a
16 condition of eligibility for public assistance.

17 (c) The department may provide an applicant/recipient with money
18 or other resources it finds necessary to enable the applicant/recipient
19 to participate in a program. The total value of money or other resources
20 and aid payments may exceed maximum payment levels established under this
21 title.

22 (d) The department shall exempt from required participation in a
23 program as a condition of eligibility for public assistance any
24 applicant/recipient who is:

25 (1) under 16 years of age or 65 years of age or older,

26 (2) a full-time student under 18 years of age,

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- (3) ill or incapacitated, when medical evidence or other sound basis confirms that the illness or incapacity prevent entry into employment or training,
- (4) residing in an area which is remote (round trip requiring more than two hours traveling time from home to program area, work or training site by reasonably available transport),
- (5) the primary caretaker, with only brief and infrequent absence, of a child or children under six years of age residing in the same household or of a household member who has a verified physical or mental impairment which requires the presence of the primary caretaker in the home on a substantially continuous basis,
- (6) the primary caretaker of a child in the household if another adult in the same household is registered and participating in the program.
- (7) employed and working not less than 30 hours per week at a job expected to last at least 30 days.

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Original sponsor: Rules/Governor

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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13 vices, including child care and transportation, needed to participate in
14 the program and with incentives and training needed to obtain employ-
15 ment, or with actual work experience.

16 (b) The department may require participation in a program as a
17 condition of eligibility, or as recompense, for public assistance.

18 (c) The department may provide an applicant or recipient with
19 money or other resources it finds necessary to enable the applicant or
20 recipient to participate in a program. The total value of money or
21 other resources and aid payments may exceed maximum payment levels
22 established under this title.

23 (d) The department may not require an applicant or recipient to
24 participate in a program under this section as a condition of eligi-
25 bility for public assistance if the applicant or recipient is

26 (1) under 16 years of age or 65 years of age or older;

27 (2) a full-time student under 18 years of age;

28 (3) ill or incapacitated, if medical evidence or other

29 sound basis confirms that the illness or incapacity prevents entry

1 into employment or training;

2 (4) residing in a remote area that requires more than two
3 hours traveling time to complete a round trip between home and program
4 area or work or training site by reasonably available transport;

5 (5) with only brief and infrequent absence, the primary
6 caretaker of a child or children under six years of age residing in
7 the same household or of a household member who has a verified phys-
8 ical or mental impairment that requires the presence of the primary
9 caretaker in the home on a substantially continuous basis;

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11 another adult in the same household is registered and participating in
12 the program;

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14 expected to last at least 30 days.