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Requesting the governor to direct the commissioner of health and social services to prepare a job training and work experience program for AFDC recipients.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the current state budget of \$35 million for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is a significant contribution of limited state resources to needy children and their families and is more than twice the budget of the program five years ago; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state to provide to adult members of families receiving assistance under the AFDC program opportunities for job training and work experience that will enhance their employability and increase the likelihood of their achieving economic independence; and

WHEREAS job training and employment programs being offered in the state are unable to meet the needs of AFDC recipients and other state residents; and

WHEREAS job training and work experience programs can promote self-esteem, dignity, and responsible work attitudes; can assist in providing the training and establishing the work history often necessary to obtain and keep gainful employment; and can help develop the state's economy by providing a labor force trained to meet the needs of local employers; and

WHEREAS in the absence of a state requirement it is likely that the federal government will impose a national work requirement on the Alaska AFDC program by October 1, 1982, that may be inconsistent with the needs of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the governor is respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of health and social services to submit to the Legislative Budget and Audit

Committee by October 1, 1982, a report on the feasibility of a job training and work experience program for adult AFDC applicants and recipients in the state, and including a description of

(1) the types of recipients and applicants who would benefit by participating in a job training and work experience program;

(2) types of job training and work experience that would be provided by government and private employers under the program;

(3) areas in the state that would be served by the program;

(4) existing programs that would be available to assist in implementing the program;

(5) supplemental support services that may be required to implement the program, such as day care services and vocational training courses;

(6) cooperative arrangements that the Department of Health and Social Services may desire to make with organizations or entities, such as the University of Alaska and Alaska Native corporations, to implement the program; and

(7) federal and state requirements that must be met in order to implement the program, such as federal approval of AFDC demonstration projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of health and social services to submit to the legislature by January 30, 1983, a final report concerning plans for the implementation of, and progress made toward the establishment of, a job training and work experience program for adult AFDC recipients and applicants.