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Establishing a Family Support Task Force.

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

WHEREAS Congress enacted the Family Support Act of 1988 which changes many federal laws related to paternity actions, child support, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, and other programs; and

WHEREAS the Act requires the state to make changes in Alaska Statutes, rules, and regulations related to these same areas and allows the state to make other changes if the state chooses to do so; and

WHEREAS changes made to comply with the Act may have significant fiscal ramifications as well as an effect on the day-to-day operations of state programs; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive review of statutes, rules, regulations, and policies related to family support is needed in order to determine how the state can comply with the changes required by federal law and use the options allowed so that the goals of the Family Support Act and the policies of the State of Alaska can be most effectively met in relation to family support;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Family Support Task Force is established to

(1) study Alaska Statutes, rules, regulations, and policies related to family support;

(2) recommend to the legislature any changes to the statutes appropriate and necessary for complying with the Family Support Act of 1988, using options granted by that Act, or otherwise improving state laws and programs related to family support

issues; and

(3) investigate the feasibility of applying for demonstration projects under Title V of that Act and other sources; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; and the commissioners, or their designees, of the following departments:

- (1) Department of Labor;
- (2) Department of Education;
- (3) Department of Health and Social Services;
- (4) Department of Community and Regional Affairs; and
- (5) Department of Revenue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall involve members of the public during the course of its work and shall actively seek testimony and advice from clients of state agencies who are affected by Titles I - V of the Family Support Act; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall establish a formal subcommittee structure to facilitate public participation, to examine the options available to the state under the Family Support Act, and to make recommendations to the task force; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of task force members shall begin immediately and that the task force shall expire upon the convening of the First Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit to the legislature upon its convening in 1990 a report containing

(1) findings with respect to previous changes made by the legislature, the judicial system, and the affected departments in response to the Family Support Act of 1988;

(2) recommendations for future legislative, judicial, and executive actions in response to the Act; and

(3) specific legislative proposals to implement the changes required or allowed by the Act or to otherwise implement a comprehensive and cost effective policy related to family support issues in the state; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrative and legal services of the Legislative Affairs Agency shall be made available to the task force.