

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/11/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as
2 a block grant to the state.

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

4 WHEREAS the federal government provides funding for education to the states; and

5 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is a better judge of how to use federal funding to meet
6 the education needs in the State of Alaska; and

7 WHEREAS the use of a block grant system is a method that maximizes control by
8 the states and local communities; and

9 WHEREAS the block grant system has proven successful in other areas such as
10 welfare funding; and

11 WHEREAS, in the 106th Congress, the United States House of Representatives is
12 considering H.R. 2 and the United States Senate is considering S. 280, which would revise
13 federal education funding to the states;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
15 to adopt a block grant system for distributing education funding to the states that allows the
16 states maximum flexibility in the use of education funds.

1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard W. Riley, Secretary
2 of the U.S. Department of Education; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
3 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
4 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.