

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/23/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS** the United States Congress is considering legislation that would revise
13 federal education funding to the states;

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

1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
2 of the United States; the Honorable Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education; and to
3 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
4 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.