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Senator Meyer, Senator Thomas Co-Chairs, Senate Education Committee

RE: Request for Hearing for SB 9, 27-LS0085\M - "An Act relating to compulsory school attendance; and relating to the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor."

Dear Senators Meyer and Thomas:

Senator Davis respectfully requests a hearing on SB 9 before the Senate Education Committee.

Included in this hearing package are:

1. Sponsor Statement
2. Current version of SB 9, 27-LS0085\M.
3. Sectional Summary (requested and to be provided under separate cover).
4. Additional Documents
 - "Compulsory School age Requirements" – Education Commission of the States
 - "Compulsory Education" NCSL 2009
 - "Graduation Rates in Alaska and Dropout Information" - EED 11/09/2010
 - "Employment Provisions in Compulsory School Attendance"- US Dept Labor
 - "NEA's 12 Point Plan to Reduce Dropout Rate" 2009
 - "High School Dropout: Stats" National High School Center 2007
 - Letters supporting increasing school age in previous SB 102, 26th Legislature
 - *Boston Globe* 10/212/09 "Law urged to make teens stay in school."

Please plan on in-person and teleconference testimony.

Please do not schedule this bill February 21-24. Call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas S. Obermeyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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