

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to "Better Safe Than Sorry" programs in elementary schools.

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

WHEREAS thousands of children in the United States are abducted each year; and

WHEREAS a 9-year-old Anchorage boy recently thwarted a stranger's attempted abduction by asking the stranger to name a secret password, as the boy had been taught in school; and

WHEREAS use of a password is one part of the "Better Safe Than Sorry" program taught by elementary schools in the Anchorage school district; and

WHEREAS the program also includes instruction in safety rules by police officers and school nurses, and a parent night at which safety messages are passed to the home; and

WHEREAS teaching children how to protect themselves from harm is an appropriate and important function of elementary education in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature extends its wholehearted support and congratulations to the Anchorage school district and the teachers and other persons who conduct the "Better Safe Than Sorry" program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the commissioner of education to work with and assist school districts throughout the state to develop and implement "Better Safe Than Sorry" programs in elementary schools.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William G.