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Establishing a task force on schools on military bases.

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

WHEREAS schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Adak Naval Station, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center are operated by the local school district or rural educational attendance area; and

WHEREAS the federal government owns most of these schools; and

WHEREAS most of these school buildings are significantly below building standards when compared to other schools within these areas; and

WHEREAS the local school districts are expressly prohibited from conducting major maintenance or selling general obligation bonds to raise money for these schools; and

WHEREAS the state has appropriated funds to provide for the maintenance of these schools at a time when state revenue is in severe decline; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid, has made a commitment to provide major assistance for school maintenance; and

WHEREAS schools on military bases in the state are the second highest national

priority of the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS repairs by the federal government may not begin for another two to three years due to a federal program of resurveying maintenance needs at these schools, known as the Dole Study; and

WHEREAS parents of children attending these schools believe their children could receive better treatment and that federal officials have not been responsive to their concerns;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Military Schools Task Force is established for the purpose of examining options for repair and maintenance of schools on military bases and to recommend necessary legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- (1) two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the chair of the state Board of Education;
- (4) two members representing school districts with schools on military bases appointed by the Governor;
- (5) one member representing the parent advocacy committee;
- (6) the chief administrative officer of the Anchorage and Fairbanks school districts;
- (7) one member representing the United States Coast Guard appointed by the United States Coast Guard;
- (8) one member representing the United States Air Force appointed by the United States Air Force;
- (9) one member representing the United States Army appointed by the United States Army; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and the legislature by November 15, 1993, and shall submit a final report to the Governor and the legislature by January 9, 1994; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is terminated on January 10, 1994.