

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/96

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to rights of public school students.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska spends 2.6 times the national average on public
4 education spending per capita; and

5 **WHEREAS** education is a key component in teaching our children to be responsible,
6 productive adults; and

7 **WHEREAS** a well-educated workforce is necessary for the continued growth of
8 Alaska's economy; and

9 **WHEREAS** Alaska students' efforts to achieve academic excellence are increasingly
10 hampered by, among other things, violent and chronically disruptive behavior in the classroom
11 and on campus, a lack of funding directed to basic academics, and instructors who need more
12 training and support;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature declares that students in Alaska
14 have the following rights:

15 (1) the right to schools that are safe, orderly, and drug free;

16 (2) the right to learn in schools that have clear discipline codes with fair and
17 consistently enforced consequences for misbehavior;

- 1 (3) the right to available resources to attain a physically and mentally healthy
2 lifestyle;
- 3 (4) the right to learn in schools that are free of violent and chronically
4 disruptive behavior;
- 5 (5) the right to be treated with courtesy and respect by teachers and staff;
- 6 (6) the right to learn in classrooms that have clearly stated and rigorous
7 academic standards;
- 8 (7) the right to learn in well equipped schools that have the instructional
9 materials needed to carry out a rigorous academic program;
- 10 (8) the right to learn in schools where teachers know their subject matter and
11 how to teach it;
- 12 (9) the right to learn in schools and classrooms where high grades stand for
13 high achievement and promotion is earned;
- 14 (10) the right to learn in schools where getting a high school diploma means
15 having the knowledge and skills essential for college or a good job; and
- 16 (11) the right to be supported by parents, the community, public officials, and
17 business in their efforts to uphold high standards of conduct and achievement.