

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/9/96

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to rights and responsibilities 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 encourages all school districts  
14 in Alaska to develop and adopt operating guidelines and procedures relating to student rights  
15 and responsibilities, including student behavior, treatment, and discipline; in developing  
16 operating guidelines and procedures, school districts should consider:

17 (1) ways to maintain schools that are safe, orderly, and drug free;

- 1                   (2) ways to develop clear discipline codes with fair and consistently enforced  
2 consequences for misbehavior;
- 3                   (3) ways to make resources available to encourage and maintain a physically  
4 and mentally healthy lifestyle;
- 5                   (4) ways to create and maintain a learning environment that is free of violent  
6 and chronically disruptive behavior;
- 7                   (5) ways to develop and encourage courtesy and mutual respect among  
8 students, teachers, and staff;
- 9                   (6) ways to create and maintain classrooms with clearly stated and rigorous  
10 academic standards;
- 11                  (7) ways to equip and maintain classrooms with all instructional materials  
12 needed to carry out a rigorous academic program;
- 13                  (8) ways to employ, nurture, and keep teachers who know their subject matter  
14 and how to teach it;
- 15                  (9) ways to create a learning environment in schools and classrooms where  
16 high grades stand for high achievement and promotion is earned;
- 17                  (10) ways to create and maintain schools where the award of a high school  
18 diploma communicates that the student has the knowledge and skills essential for college or  
19 a good job; and
- 20                  (11) ways to generate and maintain the support of parents, the community,  
21 public officials, and business in a mutual effort to uphold high standards of conduct and  
22 achievement.