

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Foundation Formula Task Force and relating to revising the
2 formula for providing state aid for education.

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

4 WHEREAS under art. VII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, a system
5 of public schools is required to be established and maintained; and

6 WHEREAS in fiscal year 1995 over 32 percent of the state general fund operating
7 budget, or \$747,000,000, will be spent on education; and

8 WHEREAS the legislature finds that the present system of providing assistance to the
9 public school system should be studied for possible modification and improvement; and

10 WHEREAS during the period of study an alternative mechanism to the existing system
11 of financial support may be desirable; and

12 WHEREAS the existing formula for providing state aid for public education does not
13 provide incentives to encourage school districts to be fiscally responsible; and

14 WHEREAS alteration of the public school foundation formula is a complex matter that
15 requires careful study; and

16 WHEREAS a combined effort of the Department of Education, school districts, the

1 public, and the legislature is required in order to develop the necessary revisions to the public
2 school foundation formula;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Foundation Formula Task
4 Force is established for the purpose of examining the existing formula for distributing state
5 aid for education and recommending revisions to the existing formula; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of seven members as
7 follows:

8 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

9 (2) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House;

11 (3) the chair of the state Board of Education;

12 (4) three members representing school districts appointed by the Governor; one
13 member shall be appointed from a rural educational attendance area, one member shall be
14 appointed from a borough school district, and one member shall be appointed from a single
15 site school district;

16 (5) one member representing the public appointed by the Governor; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within funds made available for the purpose, the task
18 force may hire staff and, subject to approval by the Alaska Legislative Council, contract for
19 services to perform its duties under procurement procedures adopted by the council; and be
20 it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its preliminary findings and
22 recommendations to the Governor and the legislature by October 15, 1995, and shall submit
23 a final report to the Governor and the legislature by January 9, 1996; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on January 9,
25 1996.