

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as**
2 **a block grant to the state.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the federal government provides funding for education to the states; and

5 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska is a better judge of how to use federal funding to meet
6 the education needs in the State of Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** the use of a block grant system is a method that maximizes control by
8 the states and local communities; and

9 **WHEREAS** the block grant system has proven successful in other areas such as
10 welfare funding; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in the 105th Congress, the United States House of Representatives passed
12 H.R. 3248, which would create an education block grant system;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
14 to adopt a block grant system for distributing education funding to the states that allows the
15 states maximum flexibility in the use of education funds.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard W. Riley, Secretary

1 of the U.S. Department of Education; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
2 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.