

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/18/01

Referred: Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as a block**
2 **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 funding to meet the
6 education needs in the State of Alaska than is the federal government; and

7 **WHEREAS** the use of a block grant system is a method that maximizes control by the
8 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** the United States Congress is considering legislation that would revise
12 federal education funding to the states;

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

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President-

1 elect of the United States; the Honorable Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education-
2 designee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
3 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
4 delegation in Congress.