

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the commissioner of education and early development and the state Board of**
2 **Education and Early Development to delay implementation of statewide education**
3 **standards.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

5 **WHEREAS** the state Board of Education and Early Development, not the legislature,
6 adopted new statewide education performance standards, described as college and career
7 readiness standards, in English and language arts and mathematics in June 2012; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in May 2013, the United States Department of Education granted to the
9 Department of Education and Early Development a flexibility waiver of specified provisions
10 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 that amended the Elementary and Secondary
11 Education Act, based in part on the college and career readiness standards; and

12 **WHEREAS** the college and career readiness standards have not been tested in the
13 state; and

14 **WHEREAS** the college and career readiness standards substantively change the
15 educational standards for all students and teachers in the state; and

1 **WHEREAS** unknown and significant costs are associated with implementation of the
2 college and career readiness standards; and

3 **WHEREAS** many school districts in the state lack the technology, infrastructure, and
4 funding to provide online testing aligned with the college and career readiness standards
5 contemplated by the Department of Education and Early Development; and

6 **WHEREAS** the state Board of Education and Early Development has not secured
7 funding for schools that will require curricular, technological, and infrastructural
8 modifications as a result of the college and career readiness standards;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives urges Commissioner Hanley
10 and the state Board of Education and Early Development to delay implementation of the
11 college and career readiness standards until the state Board of Education and Early
12 Development conducts a study of the costs associated with implementation of the college and
13 career readiness standards, including the costs of curriculum alignment, technological
14 improvement, teacher preparation, and new standards-based assessments; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives requests that the state
16 Board of Education and Early Development collaborate with the Alaska State Legislature to
17 develop and implement a statewide transition plan to satisfy the requirements of the flexibility
18 waiver of specified provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 that amended the
19 Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

20 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of
21 Alaska; the Honorable Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early
22 Development; and the members of the state Board of Education and Early Development.