

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study on special
6 education.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
8 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature now has before it House Bill No. 150
10 relating to evaluation and training of pre-school and trainable
11 exceptional children and House Bill No. 262 concerning school age
12 exceptional children; and

13 WHEREAS, these proposals and Ch. 120, SLA 1959, also relating
14 to exceptional children, should be considered together and made
15 part of a comprehensive survey of the needs of the state in the
16 field of special education for exceptional children;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House in Second Legislature, First
18 Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
19 respectfully urged to direct the Department of Health and Welfare
20 and the Department of Education to coordinate in the hiring,
21 through appropriated funds or grants, an expert or experts in the
22 field of training and education for exceptional children to
23 accomplish a study of the state's needs in this field including
24 the following:

25 (1) Recommendations regarding pre-school education and
26 training, evaluation, state aid, community programs, and the state
27 department to be responsible for such a program.

28 (2) Recommendations for a state school for "trainable"
29 children; a day school or a residence school.

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(3) Recommendations for special education programs for school-age exceptional children, including proposals for state support and reimbursement for such programs, teaching standards, and prerequisites of teachers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Welfare, with the Department of Education, submit their joint report with recommendations to the Legislative Council on or by November 1, 1961, in order that the report and recommendations may be reviewed by the Legislative Council and appropriate legislation prepared for submission by the Council to the Legislature for its consideration in January 1962.