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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.17

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a study on the re-

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vision of the state criminal code.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CON-

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WHEREAS, since statehood the formal revision of the laws of

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the state in general and the topical substantive revision of

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special areas of law have been accomplished; and

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WHEREAS, the criminal law, which is of particular concern to

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the citizens and state and local governments, has not been given

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a general review since it was first applied to the District of

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Alaska in 1899; and

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WHEREAS, this vital body of law is in constant application to

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or by individual citizens and state and local enforcement agencies,

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the bench and bar, and others, but it has been given little or

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only piecemeal attention as to its effectiveness, timeliness, and

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usefulness in terms of contemporary conditions and needs; and

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WHEREAS, before proceeding to consider special area review or

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a general revision of the criminal code the Legislature would

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require that the subject be systematically studied with the

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counsel and assistance of persons and organizations knowledgeable

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in and concerned with the various aspects of criminal law adminis-

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tration, enforcement and adjudication;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to

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initiate a major study directed toward a thorough review of the

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need and method for a general topical revision of the criminal law

1 and procedure of the state using as a basic guide the Model Penal
2 Code developed by the American Law Institute and as a basis for
3 discussion and consultation with state agencies including the
4 Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, the Youth and
5 Adult Authority, the Judicial Council, justices, judges, and
6 magistrates, appropriate local government agencies, the Alaska
7 State Bar Association, the Alaska State Medical Association, and
8 individuals of professional or community standing who may wish
9 to contribute the benefit of their knowledge and experience to
10 the study effort. The Legislative Council is to give this subject
11 its priority attention during 1964 and submit a preliminary re-
12 port with recommendations to the Legislature in 1965 and a final
13 report and proposed legislation in 1966.

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