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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study of the needs of
6 children.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the quality of the years ahead depends on opportunities for
9 Alaska's children to develop into healthy and productive citizens; and

10 WHEREAS the origins of conditions that produce welfare recipients,
11 delinquent children, mental illness, and commitments to correctional insti-
12 tutions are traceable to the early years of an individual's life; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska will spend at least a third of the state's general fund
14 for services to children through the Department of Education and the Depart-
15 ment of Health and Social Services in fiscal year 1974; and

16 WHEREAS there is a lack of coordinated comprehensive planning by major
17 state agencies charged with providing services to children, there is duplica-
18 tion of services in some areas, and failure to meet grave needs in other
19 areas; and

20 WHEREAS there is no comprehensive assessment of the needs of children
21 and the cost and effectiveness of the services delivered to meet these needs;
22 and

23 WHEREAS legislation enacted in 1972 to provide for an Office of Child
24 Advocacy has been interpreted in various ways and has not been implemented
25 fully;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
27 is requested to make a study of the needs of all children and to recommend
28 a plan, including legislation, that would promote the orderly planning,
29 coordinating and stimulating of services for Alaska's children and yet be a

1 fiscally sound undertaking; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council survey programs for
3 children in other states and report its recommendations to the Legislature
4 on matters relevant to the protection, growth and development of children;
5 and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition, the Council is requested to consoli-
7 date all laws pertaining to children and the family into one title of the
8 Alaska Statutes; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the reports called for in this resolution be
10 presented to the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.

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