

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE INTERIM COMMIT-  
TEE ON PRE-HIGHER EDUCATION

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the operation of schools on  
6 military reservations.

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

8 WHEREAS the educational needs of children residing on military reserva-  
9 tions contrast markedly from those of children who attend school in the rural  
10 areas of the state; and

11 WHEREAS, under present law, the Board of Directors for State-Operated  
12 Schools manages and controls not only schools in the rural areas (or the  
13 unorganized borough) but also the schools located on military reservations,  
14 thus frequently confronting the board with conflicting policies and programs  
15 proposed by teachers and parents from these two jurisdictions; and

16 WHEREAS it is unrealistic to assume that any one school board can meet,  
17 efficiently and economically, the different goals and objectives required by  
18 two sharply contrasting educational environments; and

19 WHEREAS, although military reservations within organized boroughs are  
20 not part of the borough school district, the educational needs of children  
21 who reside on military reservations tend to be similar to the educational  
22 needs of children who attend school in adjacent urban areas whose schools  
23 are under the management and control of a borough school district; and, in  
24 fact, at present, secondary school pupils who are residents of military  
25 reservations in the Anchorage area attend junior high and high schools oper-  
26 ated by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District on a tuition basis,  
27 secondary school pupils who are residents of Fort Wainwright attend high  
28 schools operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough on a tuition basis, and  
29 the Kodiak Island Borough School District operates schools on the Kodiak

1 U. S. Coast Guard station by contract, and those on-base schools have been  
2 so operated for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, under AS 14.14.110, the Department of Education may require  
4 that cooperative agreements be entered into between school districts to  
5 promote more efficient or more economical educational services;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State Board of  
7 Education and the Department of Education, acting through the Commissioner  
8 of Education, are respectfully requested to develop appropriate cooperative  
9 arrangements and to require that contracts be entered into between the State-  
10 Operated School System and the several borough school districts that  
11 encompass military reservations under which (1) schools on Elmendorf Air  
12 Force Base and Fort Richardson would be operated by the Greater Anchorage  
13 Area School District, (2) schools on Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wain-  
14 wright would be operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District,  
15 and (3) schools on the remaining military reservations in the state would  
16 be operated by contract with a city or borough school district that may  
17 exist at present or may be organized in the future, or in some other manner  
18 determined educationally and financially sound by the Department of Education  
19 under AS 14.14.110; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Alaska State Legislature  
21 that these contracts between the State-Operated School System and the  
22 borough school districts should provide for: (1) representation for the  
23 residents of military reservations advisory to the contracting city or  
24 borough school district board; (2) a level of funding comparable to Public  
25 School Foundation Act support plus a differential determined by the Department  
26 of Education that will assure that no additional tax revenues of the city  
27 or borough school district will be required for the operation of the schools  
28 on the military reservations; (3) an annual report to the legislature and  
29 to the governor concerning the operation of the military reservation schools;

1 and (4) those other transitional measures or features that may be required,  
2 including but not limited to, teacher and administrator tenure and teacher  
3 and administrator salary schedules.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Com-  
5 missioner of Education and to the members of the State Board of Education;  
6 to Mr. Stanley H. Friese, Superintendent of the State-Operated School System  
7 and to the members of the Board of Directors for State-Operated Schools; to  
8 Mr. Joe Montgomery, Superintendent of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough  
9 School District and to the members of the board of that district; to  
10 Mr. Elmer C. Smith, Superintendent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School  
11 District and to the members of the board of that district; and to Lieutenant  
12 General James C. Sherrill, Commander-in-Chief, Alaska Command and to the  
13 members of the advisory school boards at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Fort  
14 Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and Eielson Air Force Base.

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