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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a feasibility study of
6 the eventual transfer of BIA schools
7 to state operation.

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

9 WHEREAS, with the advent of statehood, it was contemplated that ultimate-
10 ly elementary and secondary schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
11 U.S. Department of the Interior, would be transferred to the State of Alaska,
12 with the state becoming responsible for the operation of these schools; and

13 WHEREAS since 1969 there has been little progress toward this end, and
14 no feasibility study by the affected parties -- the State Department of Educa-
15 tion, the State-Operated School System, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs --
16 has been made;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully
18 requests the Governor to direct that a feasibility study be conducted jointly
19 by the Department of Education, the State-Operated School System and the
20 Bureau of Indian Affairs to (1) establish a timetable for the eventual trans-
21 fer of all BIA schools in Alaska to state operation and control; (2) determine
22 if BIA physical facilities, instructional personnel and educational programs
23 meet state standards and if they meet the needs of the communities they
24 presently serve; (3) provide for a means whereby the BIA schools' physical
25 plants, instructional personnel and educational programs can meet state
26 standards before transfer to the State of Alaska; and (4) provide for a for-
27 mula whereby the federal government would continue to fund the operation of
28 the former BIA schools for one year after the transfer is effected; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, State-Operated School

1 System and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs report their findings and recom-
2 mendations to the Alaska Legislature not later than the 10th calendar day of
3 the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor William A. Egan;
5 Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner of Education; Dr. Stanley Friese, Super-
6 intendent, State-Operated School System; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
7 Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior; and to the Office of the Commis-
8 sioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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