

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

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am H

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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