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tion and Social Services Committee By  
Request of the Interim Committee on  
Pre-Higher Education

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the operation of schools  
6 on 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 reside 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 of the  
13 unorganized borough but also the schools located on military reservations,  
14 thus confronting the board with frequently conflicting policies and programs  
15 proposed by teachers and parents from these two jurisdictions as well as  
16 differing educational needs of the pupils; and

17 WHEREAS it is unrealistic to assume that the varying educational  
18 needs, goals and objectives of these diverse educational environments can  
19 be attained most efficiently and economically by any one school board; and

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

1 basis, and the Kodiak Island Borough School District operates schools on  
2 the Kodiak U. S. Coast Guard station by contract, and those on-base schools  
3 have been so operated for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, under AS 14.14.110, the Department of Education with the  
5 consent of the affected city or borough school district may require that  
6 cooperative agreements be entered into between school districts to promote  
7 more efficient or more economical educational services;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State Board of  
9 Education and the Department of Education, acting through the Commissioner  
10 of Education, are respectfully requested to develop appropriate cooperative  
11 arrangements and to require that contracts be entered into under which (1)  
12 schools on Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson would be operated  
13 by the Greater Anchorage Area School District, (2) schools on Eielson Air  
14 Force Base and Fort Wainwright would be operated by the Fairbanks North  
15 Star Borough School District, and (3) schools on the remaining military  
16 reservations in the state would be operated by contract with a city or  
17 borough school district that may exist at present or may be organized in  
18 the future, or in some other manner determined educationally and finan-  
19 cially sound by the Department of Education 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 should provide for: (1) representation for the resi-  
22 dents of military reservations advisory to the contracting city or borough  
23 school district board; (2) a level of funding comparable to Public School  
24 Foundation Act support plus a differential determined by the Department of  
25 Education that will assure that no additional tax revenues of a city or  
26 borough school district will be required for the operation of schools on  
27 the military reservations, and that these districts will be fully compen-  
28 sated for all additional costs incurred; (3) an annual report from the  
29 department to the legislature and to the Governor concerning the operation

1 of the military reservation schools; and (4) those other transitional  
2 provisions that may be required, including but not limited to, teacher  
3 tenure and teacher and administrator salary schedules, and employment and  
4 salaries of non-certificated personnel.

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

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