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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 may require
5 that cooperative agreements be entered into between school districts to
6 promote more efficient or more economical educational services;

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