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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to competency based education.

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

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WHEREAS a variety of national achievement tests and other indicators

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show that high school graduates of public education systems lack competency

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in the basic skills needed to survive in life; and

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WHEREAS the high school diploma is receiving less recognition, especi-

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ally by employers, as a certification that its holder has attained a minimum

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level of mastery of basic skills; and

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WHEREAS the purpose of minimum competency based education is to identify

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and measure the basic skills needed by students in order to function in life;

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WHEREAS the commissioner of the Department of Education has established

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a Task Force on Competency Based Education and Testing that is to study and

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develop a program of competency based education for statewide use;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is

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respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of education to direct the

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Task Force on Competency Based Education and Testing to develop, not later

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than the beginning of the 1980 school year, general guidelines to assist

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local and regional school boards in the development of their own competency

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based educational programs; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is respectfully requested to study

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and determine

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(1) in what competencies students will be tested;

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(2) how and when the competencies will be measured;

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(3) at what levels will the minimum competencies be set;

1 (4) what will happen to students who fail to meet the minimum
2 competencies; and

3 (5) how the program will be varied so as to meet the different
4 needs of students in the different regions of the state.

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