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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 719

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing that the Department of Education
7 conduct a computer network study; and providing for an
8 effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. The legislature recognizes

11 (1) that the Department of Education has experience with an opera-
12 tional computer-based administrative communication system that ties together
13 a substantial percentage of the school districts and regional educational
14 attendance areas in the state;

15 (2) that many of the schools have their own micro computers and
16 that many individuals at the schools have their own personal computers; and

17 (3) the desirability of extending the communications capability to
18 administrators and staff of local schools to aid in local administrative and
19 instructional activity.

20 * Sec. 2. The Department of Education shall conduct a study of the feasi-
21 bility and benefits and costs of a system of computer networks that would
22 enable schools to use computer communications for the purposes of instruction
23 and administration. The Department of Education shall also undertake a study
24 of the means by which computers used in education may be made compatible
25 statewide.

26 * Sec. 3. The Department of Education shall report its findings to the
27 First Session of the Thirteenth State Legislature within the first 10 days of
28 the session.

29 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.