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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 719 am H

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;

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; and

20 (4) the importance of the use of computers in modern communica-
21 tions and commerce.

22 * Sec. 2. The Department of Education shall conduct a study of the feasi-
23 bility and benefits and costs of a system of computer networks that would
24 enable schools to use computer communications for the purposes of instruction
25 and administration. The Department of Education shall also undertake a study
26 of the means by which computers used in education may be made compatible
27 statewide. The Department of Education shall develop a plan, in cooperation
28 with other appropriate state and local agencies, for improving the computer
29 literacy of Alaskan public school students; the plan shall also include

1 recommended methods and programs of increasing computer literacy for the
2 Alaska population who are not enrolled in educational institutions.

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

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

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