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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the teaching of sign lan-
6 guage.

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

8 WHEREAS sign language is as valuable as spoken language in commu-
9 nicating with others; and

10 WHEREAS this kind of communication is essential to communicating with
11 certain handicapped Alaskans and is legitimately one of the goals of educa-
12 tion; and

13 WHEREAS students should have access to this kind of communication;

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of
15 Education is encouraged to stimulate the teaching of sign language courses
16 through the public schools and credit them in the same way that other
17 elective courses are credited.