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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to new minimum requirements for

6 graduation from a public high school.

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

8 WHEREAS the State Board of Education adopted new minimum requirements

9 for graduation from a public high school at a meeting held April 3, 1984;

10 and

11 WHEREAS these requirements have the effect of increasing the total

12 number of credits required for graduation and the specific subject require-

13 ment at some high schools; and

14 WHEREAS the requirements become effective beginning with classes

15 graduating after the 1983 - 1984 school year thereby including students who

16 are now in their junior year of high school; and

17 WHEREAS the board recognized the changed requirements would cause

18 hardship and suggested correspondence schools or summer courses if neces-

19 sary in order to allow students to graduate with their class; and

20 WHEREAS the board recognized that in some cases the requirements

21 cannot be met and established a formal waiver process; and

22 WHEREAS numerous students will be adversely affected by the new re-

23 quirements and be unable to meet the new requirements; and

24 WHEREAS the individual student waiver provisions will create substan-

25 tial burdens on school personnel, school boards, and students; and

26 WHEREAS the waiver procedure established by these provisions make it

27 difficult, if not impossible, for individual students to know whether they

28 will be able to graduate with other students in the same class; and

29 WHEREAS postponement of the new requirements for one school year would

1 provide a transition period for schools and students that would allow the
2 new requirements to be met without the difficulty and uncertainty that
3 currently exists;
4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
5 the State Board of Education to make the new minimum requirements for
6 graduation from a public high school effective after the 1984 - 1985 school
7 year thereby obviating the administrative problems and the hardship on
8 students that is created by the existing effective date.
9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the State
10 Board of Education and to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, Governor of
11 Alaska.