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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Establishing a Children's Law Task
6 Force.

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

8 WHEREAS numerous Alaska statutes and regulations pertain to issues
9 involving children, such as adoption, foster homes, child custody, child
10 support, age of majority for alcohol consumption, driving, and consent to
11 sexual activities, child abuse, runaways, health and education
12 requirements, delinquency, drugs, and child labor; and

13 WHEREAS many Alaska parents and others involved with children have
14 expressed concerns that Alaska laws, and the agencies that administer them,
15 have failed to deal adequately with many of the problems that face children
16 and parents in today's complex society; and

17 WHEREAS a comprehensive review of statutes and regulations relating to
18 children, and their implementation, by persons knowledgeable about
19 children's and family issues is needed in order to determine how the state
20 may more effectively deal with problems relating to children and help
21 create an environment in the state that fosters the development of children
22 into responsible, healthy, and productive citizens;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Children's Law
24 Task Force is established to study Alaska statutes and regulations relating
25 to children and the problems of implementing those statutes and regula-
26 tions, and to recommend to the legislature any changes to the statutes
27 appropriate and necessary for improving the condition of children in the
28 state and the administration of laws relating to children; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons who chair the Senate and House

1 Judiciary Committees and Health and Social Services Committees shall be
2 members of the task force, and that the presiding officers of the Senate
3 and House shall jointly appoint as members of the task force an appropriate
4 number of persons who are involved with children and children's issues,
5 such as teachers, social workers, child services providers, attorneys and
6 other child advocates, judges, correction and probation officers, physi-
7 cians, family counselors, parents, and interested members of the public;
8 and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of task force members shall begin on
10 July 1, 1987, and that the task force shall expire on January 10, 1989; and
11 be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a report of its
13 findings and proposed legislation to the legislature by January 10, 1989;
14 and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrative and legal services of the
16 Legislative Affairs Agency shall be made available to the task force, and
17 that the task force may hire one staff person.