

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Establishing the Joint Committee on

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School Performance.

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

8 WHEREAS the Senate Special Committee on School Performance was estab-
9 lished during the Second Session of the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature
10 to explore the steps that could be taken to bring about higher levels of
11 student achievement in basic skills and other areas; and

12 WHEREAS the committee held seven hearings, listened to 206 witnesses,
13 prepared a report of findings, and adopted a series of recommendations for
14 consideration by the legislature and the Department of Education; and

15 WHEREAS one recommendation of the special committee was the establish-
16 ment of a Joint Committee on School Performance, urged in part because the
17 number of concerns expressed by the public were greater than the special
18 committee had time to examine and respond to; and

19 WHEREAS effective school reform in most states has been a multi-year
20 effort and not an undertaking that could be fully defined by an interim
21 legislative committee; and

22 WHEREAS this legislature is considering legislative proposals made by
23 the special committee that if enacted should be reviewed by the legisla-
24 ture; and

25 WHEREAS establishment of a joint committee would help to encourage
26 broad public participation in continued exploration of school performance
27 issues; and

28 WHEREAS more than one-fourth of the state's budget goes to public
29 schools and the quality of school performance is a proper matter for

1 continuing legislative attention;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee
3 on School Performance is established consisting of three members to be
4 appointed by the President of the Senate and three members to be appointed
5 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee review the work of the
7 Senate Special Committee on School Performance established by the Fifteenth
8 Alaska State Legislature and identify subjects for priority legislative
9 attention; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the house members and senate members are autho-
11 rized to meet separately and may meet jointly from time to time; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee is authorized to take action
13 only upon majority approval of the senate members and the majority approval
14 of the house members; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee is authorized to meet during
16 each session and each interim of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature;
17 and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings
19 and recommendations annually to the legislature and is terminated on the
20 first day of the first regular session of the Seventeenth Alaska State
21 Legislature.