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BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a special interagency coor-
6 dinating committee on schools.

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

8 WHEREAS there are no root causes of inadequate school performance
9 greater than environmental and social handicaps, especially those that are
10 the result of chronic poverty; and

11 WHEREAS environmental and social handicaps include chronic poverty,
12 households where parents do not provide parental guidance, substance abuse,
13 especially abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs, unplanned or unwanted teen
14 pregnancy, and trauma from exposure to violent behavior, especially child
15 abuse; and

16 WHEREAS a high incidence of school problems associated with these
17 handicaps have been clearly identified; and

18 WHEREAS without a coordinated, unified, long-term, and sustained
19 effort on the part of the various people and agencies charged with the
20 responsibility to provide health, social, legal, educational, and voca-
21 tional services, there is little likelihood that these school problems will
22 be overcome; and

23 WHEREAS the knowledge to address these problems is available; and

24 WHEREAS no single governmental agency possesses all the resources and
25 all the professional knowledge to address these problems, especially when
26 considering the many regions and multicultural populations in the state;
27 and

28 WHEREAS early intervention among children with environmental and
29 social handicaps makes a difference when intervention is developed and

1 carried out as a cooperative effort among the various people, agencies, and
2 disciplines concerned with child care and schooling; and

3 WHEREAS a positive correlation has been found between success in
4 schools and the extent to which local populations and school personnel are
5 involved in the planning and executing of school programs;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
7 respectfully requested to establish a special interagency coordinating
8 committee consisting of the commissioners from the Departments of Educa-
9 tion, Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, and
10 Labor; and a dean from the University of Alaska who is responsible for
11 teacher training, selected by the governor; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee
13 is requested to identify the most critical social and health barriers to
14 learning, to establish plans to overcome them, to be responsible for imple-
15 mentation of the plans, and to issue an annual report; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee
17 is requested to issue its first annual report by the 15th day of the First
18 Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.