

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to education for students with

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attention deficit disorders.

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

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WHEREAS, under sec. 504 of P.L. 93-112, as amended (Rehabilitation Act

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of 1973), and P.L. 94-142 (Education of the Handicapped Act), and regula-

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tions adopted under those Acts, students with handicaps are entitled to

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equality in educational opportunities and services in connection with any

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program or activity that receives or benefits from federal financial assis-

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WHEREAS the Learning and Attention Deficit Disorder Educational

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Resource organization (LADDER) is working to ensure that the school dis-

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tricts of the state comply with the federal laws and regulations; and

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WHEREAS the federal laws and regulations are interpreted by LADDER to

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include students with attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention

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deficit disorder with hyperactivity (ADDH) within the definition of handi-

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capped; and

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WHEREAS 13 to 20 percent of the national school population is said to

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have ADD or ADDH, and five to eight percent is said to be of average to

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above average intelligence with one or more learning disabilities and

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qualify as handicapped under federal law; and

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WHEREAS LADDER's efforts include advocating appropriate student to

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teacher ratios, classes in social skills for qualified students, the devel-

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opment of assistance/care teams to support and monitor handicapped stu-

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dents, increased in-service training for teachers to identify and appropri-

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ately teach students who qualify as handicapped under federal law, and

1 busing of students to programs that meet individual needs of students; and
2 WHEREAS full compliance with the federal laws requires a significant
3 commitment of state and local resources and should be coordinated on a
4 statewide basis to ensure that the state and local school districts are not
5 disqualified from receiving federal financial assistance;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature applauds the efforts
7 of LADDER; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is respectfully
9 requested to review the policies of school districts in the state to ensure
10 that the federal laws relating to the education of the handicapped are
11 being complied with.