

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 am**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES MACLEAN, C.Davis, Ellis, Lincoln**

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**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee on schools.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** the causes of inadequate school performance are often the result of environmental  
**4 and social handicaps, especially those that are the result of chronic poverty; and**

**5 WHEREAS** environmental and social handicaps include chronic poverty, households where  
**6 parents do not provide parental guidance, substance abuse, especially abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs,**  
**7 unplanned or unwanted teen pregnancy, and trauma from exposure to violent behavior, especially child**  
**8 abuse; and**

**9 WHEREAS** a high incidence of school problems associated with these handicaps have been  
**10 clearly identified; and**

**11 WHEREAS** without a coordinated, unified, long-term, and sustained effort on the part of the  
**12 various people and agencies charged with the responsibility to provide health, social, legal, educational,**  
**13 and vocational services, there is little likelihood that these school problems will be overcome; and**

**14 WHEREAS** the knowledge to address these problems is available; and

**15 WHEREAS** no single governmental agency possesses all the resources and all the professional  
**16 knowledge to address these problems, especially when considering the many regions and multicultural**  
**17 populations in the state; and**

1       **WHEREAS** early intervention among children with environmental and social handicaps makes  
2 a difference when intervention is developed and carried out as a cooperative effort among the various  
3 people, agencies, and disciplines concerned with child care and schooling; and

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

7       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested  
8 to establish the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee consisting of the commissioners from the  
9 Departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, Public Safety,  
10 and Labor; and a dean from the University of Alaska who is responsible for teacher training, selected  
11 by the Governor; and be it

12       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee is requested to  
13 identify the most critical environmental social and health barriers to learning, to establish plans to  
14 overcome them, to be responsible for implementation of the plans, and to issue an annual report; and  
15 be it

16       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee is requested to  
17 issue its first annual report by the 15th day of the Second Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State  
18 Legislature.