

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education & Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to amending the formula for providing state aid for education.

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

3 WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska requires that a system of public schools be
4 maintained; and

5 WHEREAS the average length of the school year in the state and in the United States is shorter
6 than the school year established in all of the other industrialized nations of the world; and

7 WHEREAS the existing formula for providing state aid for public education does not provide
8 incentives to encourage school districts to lengthen the school year or to hold summer school sessions;
9 and

10 WHEREAS alteration of the public school foundation formula to provide additional state aid to
11 those school districts that want to provide a longer school year or hold a summer session is a complex
12 matter that requires careful study; and

13 WHEREAS a combined effort of the Department of Education, school districts, and the
14 legislature is required in order to develop the necessary amendment to the public school foundation
15 formula;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the state Board of Education
17 establish a task force for the purpose of studying possible amendments to the public school foundation

1 formula to provide additional state aid for those school districts that have a longer school year than
2 required by state law or that hold a summer school session; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force should include the commissioner of education,
4 representatives from several school districts, and a representative from the House and the Senate.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the state Board of Education.