

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 (HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/29/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KUBINA, Koponen

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 Joint Committee on
17 School Improvement establish a subcommittee for the purpose of studying possible amendments to the

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

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subcommittee should include the president of the state Board
4 of Education or the president's designee, representatives of several rural and urban school districts,
5 teachers, parents, members of the business community, students, and one member of the house who
6 serves on the Joint Committee on School Improvement, and one member of the senate who serves on
7 the Joint Committee on School Improvement.