

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23(2d HES)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/6/92**

**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 state Board of Education under the Alaska 2000 program has appointed a school  
4 finance committee that includes representatives of the legislature, school districts, and the public for the  
5 purpose of reviewing the public school foundation formula; and**

**6 WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska requires that a system of public schools be  
7 maintained; and**

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

**10 WHEREAS the existing formula for providing state aid for public education does not provide  
11 incentives to encourage school districts to lengthen the school year or to hold summer school sessions;  
12 and**

**13 WHEREAS the foundation formula must be reviewed periodically to ensure the fairness of the  
14 formula; and**

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

1       **WHEREAS** a combined effort of the Department of Education, school districts, and the  
2 legislature is required in order to develop the necessary amendment to the public school foundation  
3 formula;

4       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct  
5 the commissioner of education to consider amendments to the public school foundation formula during  
6 the Alaska 2000 committee meetings that would provide additional state aid to a district that wants to  
7 provide a longer school year or hold a summer session; and be it

8       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that additional state aid should be based on an application to the  
9 Department of Education itemizing specific results to be achieved through the longer school year or a  
10 summer session; and be it

11       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the final recommendations of the Alaska 2000 Finance Committee  
12 shall be forwarded to the Joint Committee on School Improvement established by 1991 Legislative  
13 Resolve 28 for review and comment before adoption by the state Board of Education.