

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47
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Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A RESOLUTION

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

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

3 WHEREAS under art. VII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska a system of public
4 schools is required to be established and maintained; and

5 WHEREAS in fiscal year 1992 nearly 32 percent of the state operating budget, or \$723,000,000,
6 will be spent on education; and

7 WHEREAS the legislature finds that the present system of providing assistance to the public
8 school system should be studied for possible modification and improvement; and

9 WHEREAS during the period of study an alternative mechanism to the existing system of
10 financial support may be desirable; and

11 WHEREAS the existing formula for providing state aid for public education does not provide
12 incentives to encourage school districts to be fiscally responsible; and

13 WHEREAS alteration of the public school foundation formula is a complex matter that requires
14 careful study; and

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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Foundation Formula Task Force is
2 established for the purpose of examining the existing formula for distributing state aid for education and
3 to recommend revisions to the existing formula; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of seven members as follows:

5 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

6 (2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7 one member shall be appointed from the majority caucus and one member shall be appointed from the
8 minority caucus;

9 (3) the chair of the state Board of Education;

10 (4) two members representing school districts appointed by the Governor; one member
11 shall be appointed from a rural educational attendance area and one member shall be appointed from a
12 borough school district;

13 (5) one member representing the public appointed by the Governor; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within funds made available for the purpose, the task force may
15 hire staff and, subject to approval by the Alaska Legislative Council, contract for services to perform
16 its duties under procurement procedures adopted by the council; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its preliminary findings and
18 recommendations to the Governor and the legislature by October 15, 1992, and shall submit a final
19 report to the Governor and the legislature by January 9, 1993; and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 1993.