

SCR

23

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

4/28/83

FURTHER:

Date: _____

Mr. President:

The Committee on _____ has had _____

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

CHAIRMAN



GOVERNORS' COUNCIL FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED

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February 21, 1984

Senator Joe Jospelson
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Senator Josephson,

The Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted supports the passage of SCR 23, "Relating to the teaching of sign language."

We would like to suggest that the wording of the resolution be expanded to include the following, "Be it resolved by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of Education and Board of Regents are encouraged to offer sign language courses through the public schools and post-secondary education and accredit them in the same manner as other languages are accredited." By expanding the resolution to include all levels of education in Alaska, more students will have the option of taking sign language as a foreign language.

This is a very worthy resolution. It could do a great deal to foster communication between hearing and hearing impaired Alaskans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caroline Wolf, Chair

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FEB 23 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATE HESS
FROM: NANCY
RE: SCR 23 - RELATING TO THE TEACHING OF SIGN LANGUAGE

THE RESOLUTION DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO OFFER SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CREDIT THEM THE SAME WAY THAT A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS CREDITED.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT A UNIVERSITY WOULD ACCEPT A SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE IN PLACE OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

CURRICULUMS ARE ESTABLISHED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE OFFERING OF SUCH COURSES COULD BE ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, THEY FEEL IT WOULD BE MORE LIKELY HANDLED BY MAKING SIGN LANGUAGE AN ELECTIVE COURSE.

THE HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE PASSED AN IDENTICAL RESOLUTION BY REP. FURNACE WITH A CS CHANGING:

LINE 8 - CHANGED "FOREIGN" LANGUAGE TO "SPOKEN" LANGUAGE

LINE 16 - CHANGED "FOREIGN" TO "OTHER"

STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date _____, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 38 / SCR 23
 Title: ...teaching of sign language...
 Sponsor: Furnace HALFOED
 Requestor: Rep. Furnace

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Education
 Program Category Affected: _____
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

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 Department: Education

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enrollment. No children will be provisionally admitted except in exceptional circumstances. Where exceptions are granted, they shall be reported to and discussed with the Communicable Disease Section of the Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, who will then be responsible for determining that the required immunizations are completed during the provisional period.

(d) If a parent or guardian is unable to pay the cost of immunization, or immunization is not available in the district or community, immunization shall be provided by state or federal public health services.

(e) Immunizations shall be recorded on each pupil's permanent health record form.

(f) School districts shall initiate action to exclude from school any child to whom this section applies but who has not been immunized as required by this section. (Eff. 1/13/73, Reg. 44; am 8/28/77, Reg. 63)

Authority: AS 14.07.020(7) and (8)
AS 14.30.125

4 AAC 06.060. SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF ADMISSION. (a) In the district schools, the superintendent or principal may suspend pupils under the provisions of AS 14.30.045, and the pupils may be reinstated by the superintendent or principal or by the school board.

(b) Expulsion or denial of admission of a pupil shall be only upon the action of the governing school board in a district school.

(c) A pupil suspended or expelled under this section may appeal to the district board. (In effect before 7/28/59; am 9/24/65, Reg. 20; am 9/8/66, Reg. 24; am 1/9/68, Reg. 26; am 5/10/78, Reg. 66)

Authority: AS 14.30.045

4 AAC 06.070. ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY. The Course of Study for the Elementary Schools in Alaska, reissued by the department in 1971, is officially adopted as the standard for elementary schools. (In effect before 7/28/59; am 5/30/71, Reg. 38)

Authority: AS 14.07.020(4)

4 AAC 06.075. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) Each chief school administrator shall develop and submit to the district board for approval a plan consisting of district high school graduation requirements. The plan must require, at a minimum, that before graduation a student must have earned 19 units of credit. However, any portion of the total program may be based upon competencies.

(b) Specific subject area units of credit requirements must be set out in each district plan and must require that before graduation a student must have completed no less than one unit of credit in each of the following:

- (1) language arts;
- (2) social studies;
- (3) mathematics;
- (4) science; and
- (5) physical education.

(c) Districts which do not require 19 units of credit for graduation on March 1, 1978, must increase their requirements by at least one unit each school year until the number of units required attains or exceeds 19.

(d) Transfer students who have earned 10 units of credit while in attendance outside the district may, at the discretion of the district, be excused from the district subject area unit of credit requirements. (Eff. 3/1/78, Reg. 65)

Authority: AS 14.07.020(1),(2) and (4)
AS 14.07.060

4 AAC 06.080. ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS. Repealed 3/1/78.

4 AAC 06.090. A MANUAL FOR ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS. Repealed 9/23/78.

4 AAC 06.100. MANUAL FOR ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARDS. Repealed 12/30/77.