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REQUEST:

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Relating to "Better Safe than Sorry" programs  
Sponsor: Fisher  
Requestor: Senate HESS

Agency Affected: Education  
BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)



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## State Senate

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives Niilo Koponen and  
Johnny Ellis, Co-Chairmen  
House Health, Education and Social  
Services Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF.*

SUBJECT: SCR 46  
(Better Safe Than Sorry Programs)

DATE: March 9, 1988

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced resolution before the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

I was prompted to introduce this resolution after running across an article in the Anchorage Times which impressed me considerably. In checking into this program, I found that it is not being offered statewide and I feel strongly that it should be. I think you'll find that the text of the resolution speaks for itself.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 was sponsored by all members of the Senate and passed the Senate unanimously on February 23.

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# 'Password' safety method defeats stranger's advance

By Jean Lamming  
Times Writer

A stranger lingered in a parked car at Bayshore Elementary School this week, watching students skating on an ice rink at an hour when most youngsters and teachers had gone for the night.

When a 9-year-old boy left the school grounds alone at 4:30 Tuesday, the man eased his car out of the parking lot and pulled up alongside the boy.

"He stopped by him, rolled down the passenger window and said, 'I'm a friend of your mom's and she sent me to pick you up,'" according to officer Joe Young of the Anchorage Police Department.

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## Password: Safety

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From his perch on the curb, the youngster had one retort, Young said. "The boy said, 'What's the secret word?'"

Seconds later the boy's mother drove around the corner and saw her son standing there.

The man was gone. He didn't know the password.

"It worked perfectly," the boy's father said Wednesday. "It's a simple matter of using one rule: if they don't know the secret word, you don't go with them."

The father, who didn't want to be named, hadn't expected his son to be enticed toward a car in the quiet, Bayshore neighborhood, especially when the elementary school sits practically within sight of their home.

"It can happen anywhere — that's what blew us away," the father said.

"But he's fine. He knows he's safe and protected and we praised him a whole bunch."

The boy's mother can't remember where she got the idea for the password, whether her son brought it home from school or heard it on a "Care Bear" record.

Dorothy Oetter, a health and physical education coordinator for the Anchorage School District, wasn't surprised when she heard about the boy's response.

"Oh, wonderful," Oetter said Wednesday. "That's part of what we teach in our program at grades one, three and five."

All elementary schools in the district teach a "Better Safe Than Sorry" unit in certain grades. The unit includes a parent night where safety messages are passed to the home, she said.

The program will be expanded this year to include all grades.

School nurses and police officers also teach youngsters the safety rules, Oetter said.

Young said the boy was able to give police a detailed description of the man. The 9-year-old said the suspect was a white man with tanned skin and light brown hair, who looked to be in his late 20s. He was wearing a black leather flight jacket with a "Cobra" patch on the left chest. There was a picture of a snake and a helicopter with it.

He also wore dark blue pants, a green shirt and sunglasses.

The car was a dark color with chrome rims on the wheels and bucket seats.

When the boy asked the man what the secret word was, the man guessed "Top Gun," the father said.

Young said the ploy the man used to entice the youngster is only one of many ruses people use to lure children away.