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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT File

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Date Referred: February 28, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 46

HOUSE CONC. RES. NO. 46 INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMM. ON SCHOOLS

Relating to a special interagency coordinating committee on schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- [] be replaced with _____ [] the same title
- [] have attached amendment(s) [] a new title
- [] do pass
- [] do not pass
- [] no recommendation
- [] individual recommendations
- [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Date/Dept)

- [] fiscal impact _____
- [] zero fiscal note _____
- [] zero with analysis _____

- [] fiscal note(s) DOE 2/28/90
- [] zero fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:
(Check approp. column)

[Signature] Koponen
 _____ Illmer
 _____ Hoffman

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Wallis		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Special Interagency
Coordinating committee in schools
Sponsor: Joint Committee on School Performance
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Education
BRU: Executive Administration
Components: Executive Administration

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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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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Agency: Education

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BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a special interagency coor-
6 dinating committee on schools.

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

8 WHEREAS there are no root causes of inadequate school performance
9 greater than environmental and social handicaps, especially those that are
10 the result of chronic poverty; and

11 WHEREAS environmental and social handicaps include chronic poverty,
12 households where parents are unable to provide parental guidance, substance
13 abuse, especially abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs, unplanned or unwanted
14 teen pregnancy, and trauma from exposure to violent behavior, especially
15 child abuse; and

16 WHEREAS a high incidence of school problems associated with these
17 handicaps have been clearly identified; and

18 WHEREAS without a coordinated, unified, long-term, and sustained
19 effort on the part of the various people and agencies charged with the
20 responsibility to provide health, social, legal, educational, and voca-
21 tional services, there is little likelihood that these school problems will
22 be overcome; and

23 WHEREAS the knowledge to address these problems is available; and

24 WHEREAS no single governmental agency possesses all the resources and
25 all the professional knowledge to address these problems, especially when
26 considering the many regions and multicultural populations in the state;
27 and

28 WHEREAS early intervention among children with environmental and
29 social handicaps makes a difference when intervention is developed and

1 carried out as a cooperative effort among the various people, agencies, and
2 disciplines concerned with child care and schooling; and

3 WHEREAS a positive correlation has been found between success in
4 schools and the extent to which local populations and school personnel are
5 involved in the planning and executing of school programs;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
7 respectfully requested to establish a special interagency coordinating
8 committee consisting of the commissioners from the Departments of Educa-
9 tion, Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, and
10 Labor; and a dean from the University of Alaska who is responsible for
11 teacher training, selected by the governor; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee
13 is requested to identify the most critical social and health barriers to
14 learning, to establish plans to overcome them, to be responsible for imple-
15 mentation of the plans, and to issue an annual report; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee
17 is requested to issue its first annual report by the 15th day of the First
18 Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE:

HB 469, HB 470, and HCR 46

Last year, the legislature established the Joint Committee on School Performance on the grounds that there is widespread public concern for the condition of school performance in Alaska.

As one means to fulfill its responsibility to maintain a system of public schools, the legislature instructed the joint committee to identify those subjects for priority legislative attention that would improve school performance.

The committee identified five major subjects calling for immediate legislative action. They include:

1. Having mandated state goals of education;
2. Establishing mandated measures of achievement;
3. Providing incentives for the improvement of school performance;
4. Coordinating health and family service programs related to school performance; and,
5. Addressing long term and immediate needs for coordinated early childhood and parenting education.

To implement these five recommendations, the joint committee introduced HB 469, HB 470, and HCR 46.

HCR 46

HCR 46 addresses the joint committee's fourth recommendation by creating a special interagency coordinating committee that:

- would identify the most critical social and health barriers to learning;
- would establish plans to overcome those barriers; and,
- would take responsibility for implementing those plans.

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Increasingly, Alaskans are becoming aware that there are unacceptable levels of educational achievement among a significant portion of Alaska youth. Not only are individual youth at risk, so too is society as a whole. Left uncorrected, the cost to the state will be immeasurable in unfulfilled human potential and millions of dollars spent on remedial programs that will never restore what has been lost.

Corrected now, the costs still will be high. Ignored, it will be many times costlier.

HB 469, HB 470, and HCR 46 represent three approaches the bipartisan Joint Committee on School Performance believes will improve the condition of school performance in Alaska.