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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MACLEAN, C.Davis

Introduced: 2/19/91

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee on schools.

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

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

**5 WHEREAS environmental and social handicaps include chronic poverty, households where
6 parents do not provide parental guidance, substance abuse, especially abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs,
7 unplanned or unwanted teen pregnancy, and trauma from exposure to violent behavior, especially child
8 abuse; and**

**9 WHEREAS a high incidence of school problems associated with these handicaps have been
10 clearly identified; and**

**11 WHEREAS without a coordinated, unified, long-term, and sustained effort on the part of the
12 various people and agencies charged with the responsibility to provide health, social, legal, educational,
13 and vocational services, there is little likelihood that these school problems will be overcome; and**

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

**15 WHEREAS no single governmental agency possesses all the resources and all the professional
16 knowledge to address these problems, especially when considering the many regions and multicultural
17 populations in the state; and**

~~WILLIAM MORTON GAVIN~~

1 WHEREAS early intervention among children with environmental and social handicaps makes
2 a difference when intervention is developed and carried out as a cooperative effort among the various
3 people, agencies, and disciplines concerned with child care and schooling; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested
8 to establish the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee consisting of the commissioners from the
9 Departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, Public Safety,
10 and Labor; and a dean from the University of Alaska who is responsible for teacher training, selected
11 by the Governor; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee is requested to
13 identify the most critical social and health barriers to learning, to establish plans to overcome them, to
14 be responsible for implementation of the plans, and to issue an annual report; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Interagency Coordinating Committee is requested to
16 issue its first annual report by the 15th day of the Second Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State
17 Legislature.