

HCR

30

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 12, 1996

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Judiciary
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/21/96

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HCR 30

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

STUDENT RIGHTS

Relating to rights of public school students.

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HCR 30 (HES) the same title a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
 fiscal note(s) _____ fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) DOE zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Nancy Rokeby</i>			✓	
<i>Car Beude</i>			✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>				✓
<i>Caren Robinson</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Car Beude*

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 30

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Education

Title: Student Rights

BRU: Executive Administration

Component: Commissioner's Office

Sponsor: Representative Joe Green

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 185

Requester: House HESS

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY96) impact: \$ 0.0

ANALYSIS:

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Division: Commissioner's Office

Date: March 18, 1996

Approved by Commissioner: *Richard S. Cross*

Richard S. Cross, Deputy Commissioner

Agency: Education

Date: March 18, 1996

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Representative Joe Green

District 10

SPONSOR STATEMENT

HCR 30 - Student Rights

House Concurrent Resolution 30 was introduced to send a strong message to students, parents and schools that education and school safety are top priorities with the 19th Legislature. Children are one of the state's most valuable resources for the future economic and social well-being of our state. We, as elected leaders have the responsibility to safeguard their future to the best of our ability.

Education should be the key concern of a parent sending a child to school, yet the issue of safety has surpassed this concern. In 1940, the major problems in public schools identified by teachers were talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise in the classroom, running in the halls, cutting in line, littering, and disobeying the dress code. Educators now consider the top problems to be assaults by students on teachers and other students, weapons in school, racial or ethnic attacks, gang disruptions, shootings, knifings, and drive-by shootings. While schools should be a safe haven for learning, many students are burdened with intimidation and fear of violence.

This resolution declares that our children have a right to be provided with a safe, orderly, and drug free environment in which they can learn, and that they have a right to high academic standards in order to prepare them to meet the challenges they will encounter in the future. Our present system, programs, and attitudes need to be changed. The conditions that allow students to become disenfranchised need to be identified and reworked. With the cooperation of parents, educators, and elected officials, we can all work together to provide our children the quality they will need and education they deserve.

12825 Lindsey Circle
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
March 17, 1996

Representative Joe Green
State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Green:

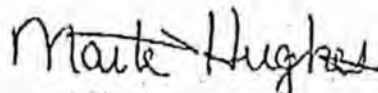
As a parent of two teenagers, I thank you for introducing House Concurrent Resolution No. HCR 30 relating to the rights of public school students. How unfortunate it is that we must take steps to insure the rights of our children in the public schools, but your resolution is indeed timely and necessary.

HCR 30 focuses on several areas that I have great concerns for: safe schools; clearly written, fair and consistent enforcement of discipline policies; the right for students to be treated by school staff members in the same manner the staff members wish students to treat them; high academic standards; and teachers knowledgeable of the subject matter they teach.

I trust this resolution will pass from Committee without hesitation and look forward to seeing it pass in the House in the immediate future.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,



Marti Hughes
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SUPPORT

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Advocates for Alaska's Youth

March 13, 1996

Representative Joe Green
State House District #10
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Green:

Thank you for sponsoring a House Resolution which speaks to the rights of Alaska's public school students.

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) agrees with the tenets of this resolution. Education is a key component to teaching our children to be responsible members and positive forces in the Alaskan community and economy.

Today's societal problems are being carried into our schools. Because of this, AASB has established child advocacy as one of our top priorities. Our mission to promote parental, public, and social service commitment to the shared responsibility of educating all children empowers us to address issues that deal with the health and safety of Alaska's children.

During the 1995 AASB Annual Conference our membership adopted several resolutions which recommend giving local boards the tools to reduce violence and keep our kids free of tobacco and other harmful and addictive drugs. We ask for the tools to provide our students a top quality education which will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow. We ask for the tools that are necessary to build community wide support for the shared responsibility of educating all of Alaska's children.

AASB supports resolutions which guarantee our children the right to a "world class" education. Thank you for your commitment to the education and well-being of Alaska's children.

Sincerely,



Carl F.N. Rose



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To: The Members of the House HESS Committee
Date: March 19, 1996
RE: HCR 30

I support the adoption of HCR 30 as a statement of support for the students in our schools. In many instances, the rights of students to an environment free of fear and intimidation and based on the respect of all members of the school community is not emphasized as it should be. There are a lot of good kids in our schools who need our support and our recognition of their rights to a quality education. I hope you will pass this resolution.

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE TO

BY: Robinson, Brice

HCR 30

Page ¹2, line ¹⁷15

Delete: “.”

Insert: ; ³~~and~~ (11) the right to available resources to attain a

physically and mentally healthy lifestyle.

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to rights of public school students.

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

3 WHEREAS the State of Alaska spends 2.6 times the national average on public
4 education spending per capita; and

5 WHEREAS education is a key component in teaching our children to be responsible,
6 productive adults; and

7 WHEREAS a well-educated workforce is necessary for the continued growth of
8 Alaska's economy; and

9 WHEREAS Alaska students' efforts to achieve academic excellence are increasingly
10 hampered by, among other things, violent and chronically disruptive behavior in the classroom
11 and on campus, a lack of funding directed to basic academics, and instructors who need more
12 training and support;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature declares that students in Alaska
14 have the following rights:

15 (1) the right to schools that are safe, orderly, and drug free;

16 (2) the right to learn in schools that have clear discipline codes with fair and
17 consistently enforced consequences for misbehavior;

- 1 (3) the right to available resources to attain a physically and mentally healthy
2 lifestyle;
- 3 (4) the right to learn in schools that are free of violent and chronically
4 disruptive behavior;
- 5 (5) the right to be treated with courtesy and respect by teachers and staff;
- 6 (6) the right to learn in classrooms that have clearly stated and rigorous
7 academic standards;
- 8 (7) the right to learn in well equipped schools that have the instructional
9 materials needed to carry out a rigorous academic program;
- 10 (8) the right to learn in schools where teachers know their subject matter and
11 how to teach it;
- 12 (9) the right to learn in schools and classrooms where high grades stand for
13 high achievement and promotion is earned;
- 14 (10) the right to learn in schools where getting a high school diploma means
15 having the knowledge and skills essential for college or a good job; and
- 16 (11) the right to be supported by parents, the community, public officials, and
17 business in their efforts to uphold high standards of conduct and achievement.