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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Relating to the operation of schools on military reservations.

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

WHEREAS the educational needs of children residing on military reservations contrast markedly from those of children who reside in the rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, under present law, the Board of Directors for State-Operated Schools manages and controls not only schools in the rural areas of the unorganized borough but also the schools located on military reservations, thus confronting the board with frequently conflicting policies and programs proposed by teachers and parents from these two jurisdictions as well as differing educational needs of the pupils; and

WHEREAS it is unrealistic to assume that the varying educational needs, goals and objectives of these diverse educational environments can be attained most efficiently and economically by any one school board; and

WHEREAS, although military reservations within organized boroughs are not part of the borough school district, the educational needs of children who reside on military reservations tend to be similar to the educational needs of children who attend school in adjacent urban areas whose schools are under the management and control of a borough school district; and, in fact, at present, secondary school pupils who are residents of military reservations in the Anchorage area attend junior high and high schools operated by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District on a tuition basis, secondary school pupils who are residents of Fort Wainwright attend high schools operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough on a tuition basis, and the

Kodiak Island Borough School District operates schools on the Kodiak U. S. Coast Guard station by contract, and those on-base schools have been so operated for many years; and

WHEREAS, under AS 14.14.110, the Department of Education may require that cooperative agreements be entered into between school districts to promote more efficient or more economical educational services;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State Board of Education and the Department of Education, acting through the Commissioner of Education, are respectfully requested to develop appropriate cooperative arrangements, and with the consent of the affected city or borough school district, to require that contracts be entered into under which (1) schools on Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson would be operated by the Greater Anchorage Area School District, (2) schools on Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright would be operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, and (3) schools on the remaining military reservations in the state would be operated by contract with a city or borough school district that may exist at present or may be organized in the future, or in some other manner determined educationally and financially sound by the Department of Education under AS 14.14.110; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Alaska State Legislature that these contracts should provide for: (1) representation for the residents of military reservations advisory to the contracting city or borough school district board; (2) a level of funding comparable to Public School Foundation Act support plus a differential determined by the Department of Education that will assure that no additional tax revenues of a city or borough school district will be required for the operation of schools on the military reservations, and that these districts will be fully compensated for all additional costs incurred; (3) an annual report from the department to the legislature and to the Governor concerning the operation of the military reservation schools; and (4) those other transitional provisions that may be required, including but not limited to, teacher tenure and teacher and administrator salary schedules, and employment and salaries of non-certificated personnel.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner of Education and to the members of the State Board of Education; to Mr. Stanley H. Friese, Superintendent of the State-Operated School System and to the members of the Board of Directors for State-Operated Schools; to Mr. Joe Montgomery, Superintendent of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District and to the members of the board of that district; to Mr. Elmer C. Smith, Superintendent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and to the members of the board of that district; and to Lieutenant General James C. Sherrill, Commander-in-Chief, Alaska Command, and to the members of the advisory school boards at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and Eielson Air Force Base.