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Relating to new minimum requirements for graduation from a public high school.

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

WHEREAS the State Board of Education adopted new minimum requirements for graduation from a public high school at a meeting held April 3, 1984; and

WHEREAS these requirements have the effect of increasing the total number of credits required for graduation and the specific subject requirement at some high schools; and

WHEREAS the requirements become effective beginning with classes graduating after the 1983 - 1984 school year thereby including students who are now in their junior year of high school; and

WHEREAS the board recognized the changed requirements would cause hardship and suggested correspondence schools or summer courses if necessary in order to allow students to graduate with their class; and

WHEREAS the board recognized that in some cases the requirements cannot be met and established a formal waiver process; and

WHEREAS numerous students will be adversely affected by the new requirements and be unable to meet the new requirements; and

WHEREAS the individual student waiver provisions will create substantial burdens on school personnel, school boards, and students; and

WHEREAS the waiver procedure established by these provisions make it difficult, if not impossible, for individual students to know whether they will be able to graduate with other students in

the same class; and

WHEREAS postponement of the new requirements for one school year would provide a transition period for schools and students that would allow the new requirements to be met without the difficulty and uncertainty that currently exists;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the State Board of Education to make the new minimum requirements for graduation from a public high school effective after the 1984 - 1985 school year thereby obviating the administrative problems and the hardship on students that is created by the existing effective date.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the State Board of Education and to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, Governor of Alaska.