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Establishing the Joint Committee on School Performance.

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

WHEREAS the Senate Special Committee on School Performance was established during the Second Session of the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature to explore the steps that could be taken to bring about higher levels of student achievement in basic skills and other areas; and

WHEREAS the committee held seven hearings, listened to 206 witnesses, prepared a report of findings, and adopted a series of recommendations for consideration by the legislature and the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS one recommendation of the special committee was the establishment of a Joint Committee on School Performance, urged in part because the number of concerns expressed by the public were greater than the special committee had time to examine and respond to; and

WHEREAS effective school reform in most states has been a multi-year effort and not an undertaking that could be fully defined by an interim legislative committee; and

WHEREAS this legislature is considering legislative proposals made by the special committee that if enacted should be reviewed by the legislature; and

WHEREAS establishment of a joint committee would help to encourage broad public participation in continued exploration of school performance issues; and

WHEREAS more than one-fourth of the state's budget goes to public schools and the quality of school performance is a proper

matter for continuing legislative attention;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee on School Performance is established consisting of three members to be appointed by the President of the Senate and three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee review the work of the Senate Special Committee on School Performance established by the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature and identify subjects for priority legislative attention; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the house members and senate members are authorized to meet separately and may meet jointly from time to time; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee is authorized to take action only upon majority approval of the senate members and the majority approval of the house members; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee is authorized to meet during each session and each interim of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature by the 15th day of the Second Session of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature, and on the first day of the First Regular Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature the joint committee shall submit a final report and is terminated.