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Relating to a special interagency coordinating committee on schools.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the knowledge to address these problems is available; and

WHEREAS no single governmental agency possesses all the resources and all the professional knowledge to address these problems, especially when considering the many regions and multi-cultural populations in the state; and

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

care and schooling; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to establish a special interagency coordinating committee consisting of the commissioners from the Departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, and Labor; and a dean from the University of Alaska who is responsible for teacher training, selected by the governor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee is requested to identify the most critical social and health barriers to learning, to establish plans to overcome them, to be responsible for implementation of the plans, and to issue an annual report; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the special interagency coordinating committee is requested to issue its first annual report by the 15th day of the First Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.