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Requesting the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth to give increased attention to the special needs of adolescents.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth has the responsibility under current law to address the needs of children and youth individually and as they relate to their families; and

WHEREAS families headed by adolescents are in particular need of assistance to remain or become healthy, productive households where children can be raised to achieve their full potential and their teenaged parents can also achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS the commission would be fulfilling its role in a doubly effective manner if it focused increased attention on adolescent parenting and pregnancy because, in these situations, both the parents and their offspring are children; and

WHEREAS increased attention given to the needs of adolescents could help prevent teen pregnancies, decrease welfare costs, cut dropout rates, and ameliorate a variety of social ills;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth to focus more of its attention on programs and services that would help adolescents to avoid early pregnancy and to function as

healthy family members when they do have offspring.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Alaska Commission on Children and Youth.

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