

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/29/19

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS COSTELLO, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Olson, Stevens

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to forward**
2 **funding of public education for grades kindergarten through 12.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 12. Budget. (a)** The governor shall submit to the legislature, at a time
6 fixed by law, a budget for the next fiscal year setting forth all proposed expenditures
7 and anticipated income of all departments, offices, and agencies of the State. The
8 governor, at the same time, shall submit a general appropriation bill to authorize the
9 proposed expenditures, and a bill or bills covering recommendations in the budget for
10 new or additional revenues.

11 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a
12 new subsection to read:

13 (b) A budget submitted under (a) of this section shall include proposed
14 expenditures to fund public education for grades kindergarten through twelve for the
15 fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared. A general
16 appropriation bill submitted by the governor and passed by the legislature shall

1 include an appropriation to public education for grades kindergarten through twelve
2 for distribution in the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is
3 prepared.

4 * **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
5 section to read:

6 **Section 30. Education Funding: Transition.** (a) The 2020 amendment
7 requiring forward funding of public education (art. IX, sec. 12(b)) takes effect thirty
8 days after the lieutenant governor certifies that a majority of the votes cast on the
9 proposition in the general election were in favor of the amendment unless, before
10 certification, the legislature has failed to enact an appropriation bill to fund public
11 education for grades kindergarten through twelve for fiscal year 2022.

12 (b) If the amendment does not take effect under (a) of this section, the
13 amendment takes effect on the earlier of

14 (1) the date the legislature enacts an appropriation bill to fund public
15 education for grades kindergarten through twelve for the fiscal year succeeding the
16 fiscal year for which the budget is prepared; or

17 (2) January 1, 2026.

18 * **Sec. 4.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
19 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
20 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.