

AASG LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION #2
SENATE BILL NO.89
Submitted By: AASG EBoard

WHEREAS: The title of Senate Bill 89 is “An Act relating to a parent's right to direct the education of a child; prohibiting a school district from contracting with an abortion services provider; prohibiting a school district from allowing an abortion services provider to furnish course materials or provide instruction concerning sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases; relating to physical examinations for teachers; and providing for an effective date.”¹

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 89 Requires local school boards to adopt policies allowing parents to withdraw their children from any activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment required by the state to which the parent objects. Requires written permission from parents before activities, classes, or programs on human reproduction or sexual matters are provided to a child.²

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 89 Prohibits school districts from permitting abortion services provider or an employee or volunteer who is acting on behalf of an abortion services provider to offer, sponsor, or furnish course materials or instruction related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.³

WHEREAS: A sponsor statement made by Mike Dunleavy states “The purpose of SB 89 Parental Rights in Education, is to codify in state statute the inherent rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. As parents are the ultimate authority regarding their children, this bill requires local school boards to adopt policies which promote the involvement of parents.”⁴

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS THAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT SENATE BILL 89 BECAUSE WE SUPPORT A PARENT OPT-OUT OPTION, NOT A PARENT OPT-IN OPTION, AND BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IF ABORTION PROVIDERS AND THEIR AFFILIATES ARE TO BE BANNED FROM SEX EDUCATION, ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS SHOULD BE AS WELL.

Action Statement: If passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to the Alaska House of Representatives, the Alaska State Senate and the Governor of Alaska.

1. http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?bill=SB%20%2089
2. http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_documents.asp?session=29&docid=645643
3. http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_documents.asp?session=29&docid=64564
4. http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_documents.asp?session=29&docid=64563

Passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Spring 2016 Conference



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