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ALEC brings the states and the nation together through conferences, seminars, publications, and its 15 National Legislative Task Forces. Each provides a unique vehicle for legislators to communicate across state lines, share experiences and ideas, and work in unison with the private sector members to create effective public policies.

ALEC's goal is to ensure that our legislative members are fully armed with the information, research and ideas they need to win in the legislative arena. ALEC publications keep members up-to-date on emerging trends and provide in-depth analysis of issues at the state level. ALEC conferences and meetings promote colleague to colleague communication by linking like-minded legislators together. ALEC Legislative Task Forces provide a forum in which legislators and private sector members discuss issues, develop policies and write model legislation.

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