

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE BE ASSIGNED OR SUFFICIENT
6 STAFF RESOURCES BE DIRECTED TO REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO JUVENILE DETENTION
7 MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE.

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9 WHEREAS, the Legislative Audit Division conducted a performance audit of juvenile detention in
10 Montana; and

11 WHEREAS, the October 2000 Performance Audit Report identified numerous issues related to
12 juvenile detention management and governance; and

13 WHEREAS, an interim legislative study is the most appropriate means of addressing the various
14 issues identified by the performance audit.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 STATE OF MONTANA:

18 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant
19 to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study the following issues related to
20 juvenile detention management and governance:

21 (1) the legislative history related to establishing regional juvenile detention centers and the federal
22 requirements related to sight and sound separation of adults and juveniles in detention;

23 (2) the growth and operation of regional juvenile detention centers since the enactment of
24 legislation in 1991;

25 (3) the use of secure detention or nonsecure detention and the appropriateness of varying levels
26 of state grant reimbursements;

27 (4) the adequacy, coordination, and appropriateness of compliance monitoring and facility licensing
28 by state agencies; and

29 (5) the adequacy of state grant awards to juvenile detention centers.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study result in a recommendation of where and how Montana

1 juvenile detention should be administered at the state level.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be
3 presented to and reviewed by the appropriate interim committee as designated by the Legislative Council.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
5 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2002.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
7 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate interim committee, be reported to the 58th Legislature.

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