

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 644

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A JOINT  
5 INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A STATE-BASED OR A REGIONAL  
6 HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE; REQUIRING RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;  
7 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Joint interim committee study of health insurance exchange.** (1) There  
12 is a joint interim committee appointed for 2011 and 2012 for the purpose listed in subsection (2). The legislative  
13 council shall appoint to the committee two house and two senate members of the children, families, health, and  
14 human services interim committee and two house and two senate members of the economic affairs interim  
15 committee. The members must be evenly distributed between the minority and the majority parties. The  
16 appointees shall elect a presiding officer and a vice presiding officer, who may not be from the same party or the  
17 same chamber, as provided in 5-5-213. The duties listed in 5-5-215 do not apply to the joint interim committee.

18 (2) The joint interim committee shall study the feasibility of creating a state-based health insurance  
19 exchange or participating in a regional health insurance exchange. The study must include the following:

20 (a) options being considered in other states regarding developing and operating health insurance  
21 exchanges, as described in Public Law 111-148 and Public Law 111-152;

22 (b) variations on how an exchange functions in the private marketplace for health insurance. As part of  
23 this study, the joint interim committee shall consider whether a health insurance exchange reduces the marketing  
24 cost for health insurance and what measures may be needed to improve marketing efficiency if an exchange is  
25 developed in the state or regionally.

26 (c) an evaluation of whether the exchange should offer a full scope of services or whether a more limited  
27 scope of services is appropriate;

28 (d) an evaluation of whether an exchange can be used to facilitate the sale of health insurance across  
29 state lines and, if so, what changes in state law may be necessary;

30 (e) an evaluation of the efficiency, cost, and other considerations of including an application for a

