

1 _____ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

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3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL REDESIGN AND WAYS OF
6 INCREASING THE FLEXIBILITY AND PORTABILITY OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR DEVELOPING THE FULL
7 EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL OF MONTANA CHILDREN; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF
8 THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 69TH LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, the constitutional entities responsible for the governance of public education in the state
11 agreed during the 2021-2022 interim that there is a "case for change" in encouraging innovation in the state's
12 K-12 education system; and

13 WHEREAS, through various legislation in recent years, the Legislature has encouraged a more
14 personalized and student-centered approach to education; and

15 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the existing school dynamic and has caused students,
16 parents, teachers, and policymakers to reexamine how education should be structured in the 21st century; and

17 WHEREAS, this structure will almost certainly involve an acknowledgement that learning can happen
18 anytime, anyplace, and through a blend of instructional means selected in an increasingly a la carte fashion by
19 students and parents.

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

23 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
24 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to examine:

- 25 (1) trends in educational redesign within the United States and internationally;
- 26 (2) ways in which the state's current school funding system supports or inhibits innovation in
27 educational redesign; and
- 28 (3) changes in the school funding system that would better support innovations in educational

1 redesign.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
3 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2024.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
5 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 69th Legislature.

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