

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

2nd Special Session

Introduced and Referred to Committee on State Administration:

6/21/82

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BILL NO. 46
INTRODUCED BY Hanger

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SELECT COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING SHORT- AND LONG-TERM CORRECTIONAL POLICIES FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

WHEREAS, the Governor has convened the Legislature to consider problems and conditions within the entire adult corrections program in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes its responsibility to establish and maintain an economical and effective corrections program in both the short and long term; and

WHEREAS, review of past recommendations and consideration of independent analysis of alternatives provide the most reasonable and responsible approach to finding solutions that will inspire the confidence of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, there is not time within the confines of a short special session to accomplish the careful and detailed review required.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
Section 1. Select committee on corrections -- establishment -- appointment -- organization. (1) There is established a select committee on corrections.
(2) The speaker of the house, after consultation with the house majority and minority leaders, and the committee on committees of the senate, after consultation with the senate majority and minority leaders, shall each appoint four members of their respective houses to serve on the committee. No more than two members from each house may be from the same party.
(3) Committee members shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman.
(4) Committee members are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.
Section 2. Function of the committee. (1) The committee shall prepare a recommended policy statement and plan of action for submission to the 48th legislature that will provide a framework for building responsible solutions to the short- and long-term correctional problems of the state of Montana.
(2) In preparing its recommendations, the committee shall review the work of past legislative and administration planning and study groups and use their results and recommendations to the extent possible in formulating its

1 recommendations.

2 (3) The committee shall consult with those persons and
3 agencies charged with the responsibility of administering
4 the state's correctional system. The committee shall also
5 seek out the opinion of the Montana public as to the issues
6 in question.

7 Section 3. Use of consultants. The legislative
8 council, upon the recommendation of the committee, shall
9 retain consultants as may be required by the committee. The
10 committee shall obtain independent cost estimates for
11 alternative capital projects that may be recommended.

12 Section 4. Committee assistance. The legislative
13 council and other permanent legislative staff agencies shall
14 provide assistance to the committee upon request. The
15 legislative council shall provide assistance as authorized
16 in Title 5 for interim subcommittees and select committees.

17 Section 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated
18 \$_____ from the general fund to the legislative council
19 for the purposes of the committee.

20 Section 6. Effective date. This act is effective on
21 passage and approval and terminates on January 1, 1983.

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