

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

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1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
6 INTERIM STUDY OF INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE MONTANA'S HIGHER
7 EDUCATION STUDENTS TO REMAIN DRUG-FREE, INCLUDING ALLOWING A
8 MONTANA INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
9 TO STUDENTS WHO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS AND CHOOSE NOT
10 TO USE DRUGS; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE
11 STUDY TO THE 53RD LEGISLATURE.

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13 WHEREAS, the citizens of Montana desire a drug-free
14 society within the state, especially with regard to a
15 drug-free environment for the state's younger citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that current state,
17 federal, and local drug abuse and control programs are
18 expensive and are not the only means of controlling drug use
19 in our society; and

20 WHEREAS, incentives are more productive than punishment,
21 and the State of Montana should explore incentives that will
22 encourage young persons and their families to remain
23 vigilant against drug abuse.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
3 study:

4 (1) incentives to encourage students in higher
5 education in Montana to remain drug-free, including the
6 incentive of offering each student or the parents of the
7 student a Montana income tax exemption for certain costs of
8 attending an institution of higher education in the state if
9 the student meets certain qualifications, submits to
10 volunteer drug testing, and chooses not to use drugs;

11 (2) the availability of federal, state, or private
12 money to offset the costs of incentive programs, including a
13 loss in income tax revenue to the state if the incentive
14 plan in subsection (1) is chosen as an option;

15 (3) the projected costs of implementing various
16 incentive programs;

17 (4) the projected number of students and parents who
18 might take advantage of the incentive programs under study;

19 (5) the duties and costs to state agencies that would
20 implement or administer the incentive plans under study; and

21 (6) the criteria that the student should meet in order
22 to take advantage of a suggested incentive program,
23 including a prescribed grade point average, certain
24 achievement on standardized college entrance examinations,
25 and volunteer drug testing.



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report the
2 findings of the study to the 53rd Legislature and, if
3 necessary, draft legislation to implement its
4 recommendations.

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