

1 ~~Senate~~ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 6 INTERIM STUDY OF REMAINING SCHOOL FUNDING EQUITY ISSUES; AND
 7 REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 53RD
 8 LEGISLATURE.
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10 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 28, the school funding reform
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 13 Implementation to monitor the implementation of new school
 14 funding measures and to address other areas in need of
 15 funding equalization, such as school transportation and
 16 facilities and distribution of equalization aid through the
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WHEREAS, the Legislative Oversight Committee on School Funding Implementation devised a comprehensive study plan and met throughout the past interim to oversee the rulemaking granted various agencies in compliance with House Bill No. 28, to review the preliminary data on the results of equalization measures, and to begin study of equalization of school transportation and facility funding, the results of which are documented in a final report to the 52nd

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