

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44
 2 INTRODUCED BY Sloan
 3 by request
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 6 GOVERNOR TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO STUDY AND PROVIDE
 7 INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE DISABILITIES IN
 8 CHILDREN.

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 10 WHEREAS, specific language disabilities, such as
 11 dyslexia, occur in children of average or above-average
 12 intelligence who have no primary sensory deficits or
 13 emotional disturbances, and may affect in excess of ten
 14 percent (10%) of all children, and

15 WHEREAS, techniques now exist for early identification
 16 of children with specific language disabilities and for
 17 special training to prevent or overcome these disabilities,
 18 and

19 WHEREAS, because many educational problems of adults
 20 and children are related to specific language disabilities,
 21 effective measures must be taken to cope with the problem
 22 and to provide information about the resources available.

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

1 That the Governor of Montana establish an advisory
 2 council to study the problem of specific language
 3 disabilities, recommend measures to solve this problem, and
 4 disseminate information to parents, teachers, and the public
 5 about techniques and resources available for the discovery
 6 and treatment of specific language disabilities.
 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory council
 8 should include among its members at least one (1)
 9 neurologist, two (2) specific language disability teachers,
 10 and two (2) parents of specific language disability
 11 children.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 226-75

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 11, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note to House Joint Resolution 44 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Joint Resolution 44 requests that the Governor create an advisory council to study the problem of language disabilities.

ASSUMPTIONS:

No cost basis exists for this specific function. Costs for HJR 44 are therefore based on the cost experience of the Governor's Mental Health Advisory Council as follows:

1. The council has 14 members and meets monthly for a two day meeting.
2. The council members are paid a \$25 honorarium plus actual expenses.
3. Costs per meeting are \$1,200.
4. Clerical and administrative support can be provided without additional cost to the state agency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76	FY 77
Personal Services of Council Members	<u>\$14,400</u>	<u>\$14,400</u>

CONCLUSION:

Creating a language disabilities advisory council will result in a \$28,800 increase in General Fund expenditures for the 75-77 biennium.

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