

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 84  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Dussault For House Education Committee  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE  
 6 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN THE APPROPRIATE STANDING  
 7 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN  
 8 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT STRUCTURE FOR THE STATE OF  
 9 MONTANA.

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18 WHEREAS, all students in Montana are guaranteed by the  
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 21 full educational potential of each person; and

22 WHEREAS, other rural states have successfully  
 23 implemented intermediate school district structures while  
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 25 districts and the intermediate units; and

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