

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

IN THE HOUSE

January 31, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
February 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
February 14, 1979	Report adopted. Objection.
February 15, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 16, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 17, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 19, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
March 14, 1979	Committee recommend bill, not concurred.

IN THE HOUSE

March 15, 1979	Returned from Senate, not concurred.
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INTRODUCED BY *Mark Plummer Moore Seely*
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF *Hayne*

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ADOPT A RULE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING TO RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, a lack of suitable training and employment opportunities causes a portion of those citizens receiving public assistance to remain dependent on assistance; and

WHEREAS, unavailability of transportation to and from places of training and employment often creates a hardship to those persons receiving public assistance in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the concept of increasing the skills and employment opportunities of those receiving public assistance is a worthy objective; and

WHEREAS, other states have administratively established programs to achieve these ends that are in harmony with other programs.

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

OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is requested to study and implement a service component designed to offer public assistance recipients work experience, training, and the inculcation and preservation of job skills and good work habits.

(2) That the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is directed to adopt the necessary rules to implement and operate such a work experience and training program.

(3) That the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is requested to operate this program with funds allocated from the state general fund for this purpose. If federal funds become available for the program, the state funds shall revert to the general fund.

(4) That the program may not include recipients who are:

- (a) under 16 years of age;
- (b) enrolled and attending school full-time when attendance is appropriate and 16 but not yet 21 years of age (or 18 years of age if the state AFDC plan limits benefits to children who are under age 18);

(c) ill, when determined by the Department on the basis of medical evidence or on another sound basis, that the illness or injury is serious enough to temporarily

1 prevent entry into employment or training;

2 (d) incapacitated, when verified by the Department
3 that a physical or mental impairment, determined by a
4 physician or licensed or certified psychologist, either by
5 itself or in conjunction with age, prevents the individual
6 from engaging in employment or training under the work
7 incentive program;

8 (e) 65 years of age or older;

9 (f) caretakers in the home of a household member who
10 requires the individual's presence in the home on a
11 substantially continuous basis as determined by a physician,
12 or licensed or certified psychologist; or

13 (g) mothers or other caretaker relatives of a child
14 under age 6.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 475-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 9, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HJR 24 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 24 directs the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to establish a work experience and training program for recipients of public assistance.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Staff requirements including screening of recipients, development of sponsors, matching of recipients and slots, and on-going supervision and evaluation can be accomplished by existing staff.
2. Recipients would be allowed a training related expense allowance to cover transportation and lunch of \$3 per day. The sponsor (public or private non-profit agencies) would be responsible for this expense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Richard L. Drayton
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 3/14/79

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