

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

INTRODUCED BY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS, MEHRENS

IN THE SENATE

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| March 22, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations. |
| March 24, 1979 | Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Printed and placed on members' desks. |
| March 27, 1979 | Second reading, do pass. On motion rules suspended. Bill placed on calendar for third reading this day. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house. |

IN THE HOUSE

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| March 28, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations. |
| April 4, 1979 | Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted. |
| April 5, 1979 | Second reading, concurred in. |
| April 9, 1979 | Third reading, concurred in. |

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| April 10, 1979 | Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled. |
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
 6 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES ASSIGN A JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY
 7 THE CHILD LABOR LAWS OF MONTANA.

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 9 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the children
 10 of Montana are Montana's most valuable resource and that all
 11 children must be protected from possible abuses in relation
 12 to child labor; and

13 WHEREAS, severe abuses can result when the state does
 14 not give proper protection to children who may work in the
 15 labor market; and

16 WHEREAS, the present Montana child labor laws were
 17 originally passed in 1907; and

18 WHEREAS, there have been substantial changes in
 19 Montana's industrial society since the passage of the
 20 present Montana labor laws in 1907 and there has been
 21 substantial technical progress since that time; and

22 WHEREAS, the present child labor laws do not reflect
 23 the changes that have occurred in the labor market since
 24 1907 and cannot be adequately applied to the present work
 25 environment; and

1 WHEREAS, the present child labor laws have limited
 2 application, exclude a substantial portion of the employers
 3 in Montana, and can lead to abuses because of these
 4 exclusions; and

5 WHEREAS, there are substantial conflicts and
 6 inconsistencies between the present Montana child labor laws
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 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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 12 a joint committee to study Montana's child labor laws in
 13 relation to the present work environment and in relation to
 14 federal child labor laws and to report its findings and
 15 recommendations on proposed legislation to update and
 16 modernize the child labor laws of Montana to the 47th
 17 Legislature.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution
 19 shall be sent to the Secretary of State and the Commissioner
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