

House Joint Resolution 1

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1
 2 INTRODUCED BY MOORE

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE
 6 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ADOPT A
 7 RULE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA ESTABLISHING A
 8 PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING TO
 9 RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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

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

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

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

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

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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

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

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

16 (4) That the rules adopted pursuant to subsection (2)
 17 shall state that the program does not include recipients who
 18 are:

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

24 (c) ill or injured, when determined by the Department,
 25 on the basis of medical evidence or on another sound basis,

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1 that the illness or injury is serious enough to temporarily
2 prevent entry into employment or training;

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

9 (e) 65 years of age or older;

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

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

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