

Senate Joint Resolution 12

In The Senate

February 5, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
February 16, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
February 17, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 18, 1981	Second reading do pass.
February 19, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

February 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
March 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

In The Senate

March 12, 1981	Returned from House not concurred.
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*Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12  
INTRODUCED BY Bob Brown Wraylock

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF WAYS TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES ONE THROUGH THREE; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, certain skills learned in the early grades such as reading ability affect success in other subjects in later years; and

WHEREAS, middle and secondary schools must provide expensive remedial programs for older students who still have learning problems; and

WHEREAS, many of the learning problems of junior and senior high school students could have been identified and corrected in the early grades had greater individual attention been possible; and

WHEREAS, substantial evidence exists to indicate that the most important factor in the correction of early learning problems is the pupil-teacher ratio in the primary grades.

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

(1) That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to study the feasibility and best means of achieving optimal learning environments in kindergarten and grades one through three.

(2) That the committee include in its study consideration of at least the following:

- (a) pupil-teacher ratios;
- (b) early identification of learning problems;
- (c) provision of special aid in correcting learning problems at an early stage;
- (d) curriculum requirements and teaching practices;
- (e) required hours of instruction;
- (f) such other factors as the committee may determine to have an effect on early learning abilities.

(3) That the committee submit to the 48th Legislature a report of its findings, together with recommendations for legislation, if any, to implement such findings.

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