

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

INTRODUCED BY McCALLUM

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
March 7, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 10, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 11, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 12, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 13, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 24, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 26, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration to the 71st legislative day.
April 1, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration to the 75th legislative day.
April 7, 1981	Second reading, Pass consideration until April 10, 1981.
April 10, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.

April 10, 1981

On motion rules suspended  
and bill placed on third  
reading this day.

Third reading, concurred in  
as amended. Ayes, 90; Noes, 2.

IN THE SENATE

April 11, 1981

Returned from House with  
amendments.

April 15, 1981

Second reading, amendments  
concurred in.

April 16, 1981

Third reading, amendments  
concurred in. Ayes, 47;  
Noes, 3. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

*Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

INTRODUCED BY *Mr. Holloman*-----

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
6 INTERIM STUDY ON FUNDING METHODS USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
7 FINANCE PUBLIC PENSION PLANS.  
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9 WHEREAS, a school district contributes 6.312% of salary  
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11 Retirement System and 5.90% of salary for each employee who  
12 is a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System to  
13 fund retirement benefits for teaching and nonteaching  
14 personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, school districts finance their contributions  
16 to the public pension plans through countywide property tax  
17 levies; and

18 WHEREAS, these levies ranged from 3.06 to 39.02 mills  
19 for the 1980-1981 school year and generated over \$33  
20 million; and

21 WHEREAS, the amount of mills for each school district  
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6 study the current funding method used by school districts to  
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8 methods of meeting the districts' obligation to the  
9 Teachers' and Public Employees' Retirement Systems while  
10 reducing the tax burden on property owners.

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12 findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
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Approved by Committee  
on Education

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2 WHEREAS, THE 1979 MONTANA LEGISLATURE CONTRIBUTED TO  
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4 TO FUND RETIREMENT COSTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its  
16 findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
17 appropriate remedial legislation, to the 43th Legislature.

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SJR 25

1. Page 2, line 1.

Following: "districts"

Strike: "."

Insert: "; and"

2. Page 2.

Following: line 1

Insert: "WHEREAS, the 1979 Montana Legislature contributed to the counties' financial burden by requiring school districts to fund retirement costs for special education personnel through the countywide property tax."