

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

INTRODUCED BY STIMATS, HAZELDAKER

IN THE SENATE

March 18, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
March 25, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 26, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 27, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 28, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 45; Noses, 2. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 30, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
April 6, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 10, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
	On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.
	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 90; Noes, 3.

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, 50;
Noes, 0. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE

AMENDMENTS TO SJR 29

April 6, 1981

1. Page 2, line 22.

Following: "communities;"

Strike: "and"

2. Page 2, line 25.

Following: "institutions"

Strike: ":"

Insert: ";" and

(4) the effectiveness and adequacy of public and private services and programs designed to assist youth and families in dealing with problems to prevent youth from having to be removed from their homes."

3. Page 3, line 7.

Following: "Services,"

Insert: "Department of Institutions,"