

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

INTRODUCED BY KEATING

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 10, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY.

APRIL 17, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 20, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.

 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

APRIL 21, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

 TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 21, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.

APRIL 22, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 23, 1987 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 94; NOES, 5.

 RETURNED TO SENATE.

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APRIL 23, 1987 RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

 SENT TO ENROLLING.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15
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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 OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL SERVICES FOR
 7 PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UNDER A SINGLE
 8 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE
 9 FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 51ST LEGISLATURE.

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11 WHEREAS, community-based services for Montanans with
 12 developmental disabilities have historically been provided
 13 by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services,
 14 while institutional services have been provided by the
 15 Department of Institutions; and

16 WHEREAS, support services and other coordinated
 17 activities for Montanans with developmental disabilities are
 18 provided by the Department of Labor, the Department of
 19 Health and Environmental Sciences, and the Office of Public
 20 Instruction; and

21 WHEREAS, administering institutional and
 22 community-based programs through separate agencies fosters
 23 difficulties in communication, cooperation, and coordination
 24 of service delivery; and

25 WHEREAS, the developmental disabilities service system

1 is needlessly complex, with confusion over lines of
 2 authority and uncertainty for the public about access to the
 3 system; and

4 WHEREAS, the desirability of administrative
 5 consolidation of developmental disability services has been
 6 recommended by both the House Bill 909 Advisory Council
 7 required by Chapter 687, Laws of 1983, and the Disability
 8 Task Force of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation
 9 Services.

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

13 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
 14 study:

15 (1) the need for consolidation of all services for
 16 persons with developmental disabilities under a single
 17 administrative authority; and

18 (2) the various alternative methods for achieving that
 19 consolidation.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report the
 21 findings of the study to the 51st Legislature and, if
 22 necessary, draft legislation to implement its
 23 recommendations.

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