

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 27, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 13, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 14, 1989

PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 15, 1989

ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED
FOR THE DAY.

FEBRUARY 16, 1989

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 17, 1989

ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 18, 1989

THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 31; NOES, 19.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 20, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 4, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT
ADOPTED.

MARCH 7, 1989

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 8, 1989

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 79; NOES, 17.

RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 11, 1989

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 14, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Senators* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *6*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Legislators*
 3 *Harmon, Kimbrey, Dwyer, Bueh, Ruff, Reberg*
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE BOARD OF
 6 REGENTS TO ALLOW THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTERS TO GRANT
 7 AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE FOR APPROPRIATE
 8 PROGRAMS; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO ALLOW THE
 9 UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR
 10 TRANSFERABILITY OF APPROPRIATE CREDITS FROM
 11 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTER COURSES.

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 13 WHEREAS, the Montana Vocational-Technical Center
 14 System, now governed by the Montana Board of Regents, makes
 15 a valuable contribution to the public education system in
 16 Montana and the students who graduate from the five centers
 17 make a valuable contribution to employment needs in the
 18 state; and

19 WHEREAS, a student who completes credits at a center
 20 should have the opportunity to transfer any appropriate
 21 credits to a unit of the Montana University System if a
 22 course offering at the unit is the same or comparable; and

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 24 program for which an associate of applied science degree is
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 9 fields to require an associate degree for employment in the
 10 field: 2-year nurses' training, respiratory therapy,
 11 electronics technology, fire science programs, culinary
 12 arts, computer programming, and, most critically, the field
 13 of legal assisting, in which graduates must compete with
 14 graduates of other 2-year programs for entry level jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, in most states in the West, an associate
 16 degree is awarded to those who complete a 2-year program in
 17 the aforementioned areas; and

18 WHEREAS, the student governments of the five
 19 vocational-technical centers urge that the centers be
 20 granted the authority to award appropriate associate of
 21 applied science degrees and that the units of the University
 22 provide for transfer of appropriate credits.

23
 24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 25 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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1 That the Board of Regents be encouraged to allow the
2 vocational-technical centers to grant an associate of
3 applied science degree for completion of appropriate 2-year
4 programs.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents be
6 encouraged to allow the units of the University System to
7 accept credits from appropriate courses completed at a
8 vocational-technical center.

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION
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appropriate deserves to be awarded such a degree, as degree
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1 ~~applied-science-degrees-and~~ that the units of the University
2 provide for transfer of appropriate credits.

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5 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6 ~~That-the-Board-of-Regents-be-encouraged--to--allow--the~~
7 ~~vocational-technical---centers--to--grant--an--associate--of~~
8 ~~applied-science-degree-for-completion-of-appropriate--2-year~~
9 ~~programs-~~

10 ~~BE--IF-FURTHER-RESOLVED,~~ that THAT the Board of Regents
11 be encouraged to allow the units of the University System to
12 accept credits from appropriate courses completed at a
13 vocational-technical center.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF REGENTS BE
15 ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE, THROUGH THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
16 CENTERS AND THE UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, JOINT
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 4, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Education and Cultural Resources report that SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: Ted Schye
Ted Schye, Chairman

[REP. HARRINGTON WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 3, line 1.

Following: "~~and~~"

Insert: "that the centers be granted the authority to award appropriate degrees for completion of 2-year programs and"

2. Page 3, lines 16 through 18.

Following: "SYSTEM," on line 16

Strike: remainder of line 16 through "AREAS" on line 18

Insert: "for the award of appropriate degrees to students who have successfully completed 2-year vocational-technical programs"

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