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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

INTRODUCED BY ~~AKLESTAD~~ *Bongrac, Surpate, Bauer*
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENCOURAGING ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTCOMES FOR ADULTS IN CERTAIN JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAMS; AND ENCOURAGING THE TARGETING OF CERTAIN AVAILABLE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDS TO AT-RISK YOUTHS AND YOUTHS WHO HAVE COMMITTED OFFENSES.

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WHEREAS, the state receives funds under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to operate adult and youth job training programs throughout Montana; and

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WHEREAS, job placements for participants in certain JTPA-funded training programs have not been compiled over sufficient durations to measure outcomes over longer terms; and

WHEREAS, youth job training and education services for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders are limited throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Justice Advisory Council, reestablished by Executive Order No. 5-95, is responsible for promoting juvenile justice coordination and performance; and

WHEREAS, a 39% increase is projected in youth JTPA Title IIB funding.

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

That the 55th Legislature encourage the Governor and the Private Industry Councils to establish additional followup measures to identify long-term outcomes of adults participating in JTPA Title IIA programs. Additional followup should be conducted on 10% of the participants who are placed in employment by JTPA operators and should require followup at 13 weeks and at 26 weeks to more accurately determine, at a minimum, the actual duration of employment, type of occupation, employer, and



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