

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR ENHANCING PROGRAMS
6 AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF MONTANA BY THE
7 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE
8 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE TRIBAL COLLEGES, THE STATE LIBRARY, THE TRIBAL HISTORIC
9 PRESERVATION OFFICES, AND THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY; AND REQUIRING THAT THE
10 FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 64TH LEGISLATURE.

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12 WHEREAS, having common goals for the education of Montana citizens and the preservation of Montana
13 and Indian history and culture requires coordination of efforts among state and tribal entities; and

14 WHEREAS, the citizens of Montana deserve the best return on their investment in education and cultural
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS, the identification of distinct duties, avoidance of unnecessary duplication of services, and
17 improved cooperation will result in greater efficiency and enhanced programs.

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

21 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
22 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

23 (1) examine the goals and programs of the office of public instruction, the office of the commissioner of
24 higher education, the board of public education, the tribal colleges, the state library, the tribal historic preservation
25 offices, and the Montana historical society;

26 (2) identify areas in which these entities might improve efficiency and enhance services through
27 improved cooperation and coordination or elimination of those services being duplicated by another entity; and

28 (3) develop for consideration by the 64th Legislature a plan to implement the changes identified by the
29 committee as leading to greater efficiency and enhanced services.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of this study be concluded prior to September 15, 2014.

