

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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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 OF THE CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE OF THE MONTANA  
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, TO INCLUDE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF FUNDING, OPERATIONS,  
7 AND CAMPUS NEEDS; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO  
8 THE 65TH LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, the Montana Law Enforcement Academy is required by law to provide education and training  
11 to newly hired law enforcement and public safety professionals from state, county, city, and tribal governments;  
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13 WHEREAS, the Montana Law Enforcement Academy provides ongoing and continuing education and  
14 training programs for law enforcement and public safety officers to bolster their knowledge, skills, and abilities  
15 related to their service as law enforcement or public safety officers; and

16 WHEREAS, the Montana Law Enforcement Academy is primarily funded by a surcharge revenue  
17 mechanism that was created in 2003 that has never materialized to the projected levels and has decreased each  
18 fiscal year; and

19 WHEREAS, the campus that houses the Montana Law Enforcement Academy was built in the 1920s and  
20 requires many capital improvements, and its residential capacity is severely limited.

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

24 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to  
25 section 5-5-217, MCA, to:

26 (1) study long-term funding options for the Montana Law Enforcement Academy; and

27 (2) review the current state and future of the operations and campus needs of the Montana Law  
28 Enforcement Academy.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study involve the participation of state, county, city, and tribal law  
30 enforcement and public safety officials, the Montana Department of Justice, the Montana Department of

1 Corrections, the Montana Association of Counties, the Montana League of Cities and Towns, and other interested  
2 parties.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review  
4 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2016.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,  
6 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 65th Legislature.

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