

HOUSE BILL 533

Introduced by Harrigton, et al.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 533

2 INTRODUCED BY Hammyle

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN A HOME SCHOOL;
6 REQUIRING ASSESSMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
7 COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN; AND PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

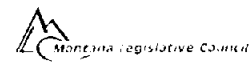
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. School district assessment of
12 child enrolled in home school. A child enrolled in a home
13 school must be assessed by his resident school district at
14 an age comparable to the average age of the grade level at
15 which the school district assesses its public school
16 students, pursuant to rules adopted by the board of public
17 education under 20-2-121. Assessment results must be filed
18 with the school district, the county superintendent of
19 schools, and the parent or guardian of the child.

20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.
21 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
22 of Title 20, chapter 5, part 1, and the provisions of Title
23 20, chapter 5, part 1, apply to [section 1].

24 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is
25 effective July 1, 1991.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0533, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act requiring school district assessment of a child enrolled in a home school; requiring assessments to be filed with the school district, county superintendent, and parent or guardian; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are approximately 1,200 children in home schools statewide.
2. School districts will be required to locate and notify parents or guardians of home school children when the assessment test will be given. It is assumed that home schoolers can be tested at the same time and place and with existing staff.
3. When assessment results are returned, the responsible school district will forward a copy of the results to the County Superintendent of Schools and the parent or guardian of the child, and file a copy with district records.
4. If the school districts purchase and grade 1,200 additional tests at an average cost of \$2.00 each, the statewide cost for tests and results would be about \$2,400 per year, assuming the test is given once a year.
5. If there is one child from each family requiring 1,200 notification letters for the testing dates and 1,200 notice of test results, at a cost for a certified letter return-receipt-requested of \$2.00 each, the total cost will be \$4,800 annually state-wide.
6. These additional cost, will be absorbed in the current operating budget of each affected school district.


FISCAL IMPACT:

None to the state.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Local school districts will be responsible for the costs of approximately \$7,200 per year, assuming tests are given once per year.


ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR 2-5-91
Office of Budget and Program Planning DATE


Dan W. Harrington, PRIMARY SPONSOR 2-7-91
Fiscal Note for HB0533, as introduced DATE

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