

HOUSE BILL 708

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 708
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY
 5 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM TO
 6 FUND THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS
 7 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION."

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 9 WHEREAS, section 20-2-115, MCA, requires the Board of
 10 Public Education, when developing rules or standards, to
 11 determine the financial impact of the rule or standard and
 12 to request legislative funding to implement any rule or
 13 standard found by the Board to be a substantial financial
 14 impact in an amount that cannot be readily absorbed in the
 15 budget of an existing school district program; and

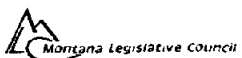
16 WHEREAS, the Board of Public Education has adopted
 17 accreditation standards that will result in a substantial
 18 financial impact on some school districts in Montana.

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

21 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. The following
 22 amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the school
 23 foundation program for the biennium to fund the costs of
 24 implementing the accreditation standards adopted by the
 25 board of public education pursuant to 20-2-115:

1	Curriculum Development	\$4,332,000
2	and Assessment	
3	Administrative Personnel:	4,818,000
4	Assignment of Building Administrators	
5	Teacher Load and Class Size: Elementary,	7,671,000
6	Junior High, High School, Middle	
7	School, and Grades 7 and 8 Budgeted	
8	at High School Rates	
9	Learner Access	500,000
10	Gifted and Talented	800,000
11	Basic Education Program: Middle School	500,000
12	Basic Education Program: Junior High and	500,000
13	Grades 7 and 8 Budgeted at High	
14	School Rates	
15	Basic Education Program Offerings	500,000
16	at High School	
17	District's Responsibilities for Program	1,000,000
18	Area Standards	

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