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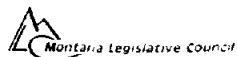
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0899, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to expand the definition of traffic education to include instruction in bicycle, pedestrian, and school bus traffic laws and the safe operation of bicycles in order to increase public awareness of motor vehicle, pedestrian, and school bus safety with regard to protecting school-age children; and amending Section 20-7-501, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

Office of Public Instruction:


1. This proposal expands the scope of the Traffic Education Program to include bicycle and pedestrian safety.
2. The bill does not contain an appropriation and has no fiscal impact in terms of additional cost.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The proposed legislation shifts some funding out of drivers education and into bicycle and pedestrian safety. If the administrative portion of the traffic safety education account (20-7-504 through 20-7-506, MCA) were to increase, this could lead to reduced funding available to local schools.


ROD SUNDESTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

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~~CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER~~, PRIMARY SPONSOR
Vicki Cocchiarella

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