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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 222-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 11, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 381 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**


House Bill 381 allows high school districts to increase regular average number belonging (ANB) for students who complete graduation requirements in less than eight semesters or equivalent amount of secondary school enrollment.

**ASSUMPTION:**

Presently high school students eligible for early graduation are compelled to stay in school for the entire year. Thus, one average number belonging is currently being granted for each such student.

**CONCLUSION:**

Enactment of House Bill 381 will not affect state or local government revenues or expenditures since it will not alter the current level of ANB.

  
BUDGET DIRECTOR  
Office of Budget and Program Planning  
Date: February 17, 1975

Approved by Committee  
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