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House BILL NO. 394
Annex INTRODUCED BY *Richard K. Hagen*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN ACT OF 1974; AMENDING SECTIONS 43-723, 43-726, 43-728, 43-729, AND 43-730, R.C.M. 1947."

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

Section 1. Section 43-723, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"43-723. Number of interns--where from. All institutions referred to in section 2{43-721} may have at least one three (3) intern interns. An additional five--(5) positions--may--be--chosen--from--applications--submitted--to--the legislative-council. If applicants are available Eastern Montana College may have an additional four (4) interns for a total of seven (7) and Montana State University and the University of Montana each may have seven (7) additional interns for a total of ten (10). If any of the institutions do not take advantage of the number of vacancies in the program, the vacant openings shall be assigned equitably to the other institutions."

Section 2. Section 43-726, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"43-726. Assignment of interns. Each legislative

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intern is assigned to a legislator by the legislative council. Legislative interns shall be assigned as follows: each committee chairman who chooses may have an intern assigned to him. The remaining interns shall be assigned on a shared-assistance basis with a ratio of approximately one (1) intern to three (3) legislators, determined by the number of legislators choosing to participate in the program."

Section 3. Section 43-728, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"43-728. Interns responsible to sponsor. Each legislative intern is directly responsible to his or her legislator, or legislators as the case may be."

Section 4. Section 43-729, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"43-729. Program not mandatory. An institution of higher learning may choose not to participate in the legislative intern program. If an institution chooses to participate, it shall grant at least ten (10) quarter hour credits in political science, sociology, or independent study, subject to those validation requirements the institution imposes, including a certification of satisfactory service by the legislative council."

Section 5. Section 43-730, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

1 "43-730. Funding not obligatory. The legislature shall
2 not, under any condition, because of this act, be obligated
3 to fund this internship program. Cases of distinct need for
4 financial assistance may be handled by the involved
5 institution."

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