



Approved by Committee  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 525

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS  
TO COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR WORK STOPPAGES, STRIKES, OR OTHER  
DISRUPTIONS OF NORMAL ACADEMIC PROCESSES CAUSED BY  
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES."

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

Section 1. Refunds to students. ~~if--the--academic  
calendar--of--an--institution--of--higher--education--cannot--be  
readjusted--to--compensate--for--academic--days--lost--due--to--work  
stoppage, strike, or other--disruption--of--normal--academic  
processes--by--the--professional--educational--employees--without  
causing--hardship--on--students--involved--in--seeking--summer  
employment, tuition, fees, and assessments--excepting--student  
activity--fees,--shall--be--refunded--to--the--individual--students  
on--a--pro--rata--basis,--in--determining--the--amount--refunded,  
the--following--formula--shall--be--used~~ IF THE NORMAL ACADEMIC  
PROCESSES OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING ARE  
INTERRUPTED BY STRIKE OR WORK STOPPAGE FOR A PERIOD  
EXCEEDING FIVE (5) ACADEMIC DAYS; TUITION, FEES AND  
ASSESSMENTS EXCEPTING THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE SHALL BE  
CREDITED TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

THE NON-RETURNING STUDENT WHO MAY BE REFUNDED IN THE  
EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN CASH. A PRO RATA BASIS USING THE  
FOLLOWING FORMULA SHALL BE APPLIED TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT  
OF THE REFUND OR CREDIT: the number of days of disruption  
shall be divided by the academic days comprising the school  
quarter or semester, and the quotient thereby obtained shall  
then be multiplied by the amount of tuition, fees, and  
assessments paid by the individual student for the school  
quarter or semester.

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