

1 *Underhill* *House* BILL NO. *572*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Regents Director Murphy Park*
 3 *Helmreich* *Richard* *W. Walker* *Henderson* *Harper*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION

5 75-8501, R.C.M. 1947; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO
 6 ASSURE TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS BETWEEN UNITS OF THE
 7 MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM."

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

10 Section 1. Section 75-8501, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "75-8501. Powers and duties. The state board of
 13 education shall serve ex officio as regents of the Montana
 14 university system, shall use and adopt this style in all its
 15 dealings therewith, and shall:

16 (1) Have general control and supervision of the units
 17 of the Montana university system, which shall be considered
 18 for all purposes one university.

19 (2) Adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with
 20 the constitution and the laws of the state, for its own
 21 government which are proper and necessary for the execution
 22 of the powers and duties conferred upon it by law.

23 (3) Provide, subject to the laws of the state, rules
 24 and regulations for the government of the system.

25 (4) Grant diplomas and degrees to the graduates of the

1 system, upon the recommendation of the faculties, and have
 2 discretion to confer honorary degrees, upon persons other
 3 than graduates, upon the recommendation of the faculty of
 4 such institutions.

5 (5) Adopt and use, in the authentication of its acts,
 6 an official seal.

7 (6) Keep a record of its proceedings.

8 (7) Report as provided in section 82-4002, R. C. M.,
 9 1947.

10 (8) Have, when not otherwise provided by law, control
 11 of all books, records, buildings, grounds, and other
 12 property of the system.

13 (9) Receive from the state board of land
 14 commissioners, other boards, persons, or from the government
 15 of the United States, all funds, incomes, and other property
 16 the system may be entitled to, and use and appropriate the
 17 property for the specific purpose of the grant or donation.

18 (10) Have general control of all receipts and
 19 disbursements of the system.

20 (11) Appoint a president and faculty for each of the
 21 institutions of the system, appoint any other necessary
 22 officers, agents, and employees and fix their compensation.

23 (12) Appoint an executive secretary of the system, who
 24 shall not be a unit president, fix his term of office and
 25 salary, and generally prescribe his duties.

1 (a) The executive secretary is not a member of the
2 board, but he shall serve as the secretary for the regents.

3 (13) Appoint every two (2) years a budget committee
4 composed of four (4) members selected from the appointive
5 members of the regents which shall review the budget
6 requests presented by the units of the system and transmit
7 such requests and its recommendations to the regents.

8 (14) Confer upon the executive board of each of the
9 units of the system, such authority as may be deemed
10 expedient, relating to immediate control and management,
11 other than authority relating to financial matters or the
12 selection of the teachers, employees, and faculty.

13 (15) Confer, at the regents' discretion, upon the
14 president and faculty of each of the units of the system for
15 the best interest of the unit such authority relating to the
16 immediate control and management, other than financial, and
17 the selection of teachers, and employees.

18 (16) Prevent unnecessary duplication of courses at the
19 units of the system.

20 (17) Investigate the needs of the units by each member
21 of the regents visiting each unit at least once each year.

22 (18) Appoint a certified professional geologist or
23 registered mining engineer as the director of the Montana
24 state bureau of mines and geology, who shall be designated
25 the state geologist, and appoint any other necessary

1 assistants and employees, and fix their compensation.

2 (a) The regents shall prepare a report to each regular
3 session of the legislative assembly showing the progress and
4 condition of the bureau including any other necessary or
5 required information.

6 (19) Supervise and control the agricultural experiment
7 station along with any executive or subordinate board or
8 authority which may be appointed by the governor with the
9 advice and consent of the regents.

10 (20) Adopt a seal bearing on its face the words
11 "Montana university system," which shall remain in the
12 custody of the executive secretary, and which shall be
13 affixed to all diplomas and all other paper, instruments, or
14 documents which may require it.

15 (21) Promulgate the rules and establish the procedures
16 necessary to assure that credits, for all courses which meet
17 standards of college accreditation, are equally and fully
18 transferable among the several units of the Montana
19 university system."

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