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Senator BILL NO. 261
Collins

INTRODUCED BY _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY AND DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FINANCING THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO ALLOW A CROSS-SECTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT THE ALTERNATIVE METHOD ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS."

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

Section 1. An alternative method of funding to be developed. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall conduct a study to develop alternative methods of financing the public high schools in the state of Montana. The study should (1) consider developing alternative methods that do not use a pupil's attendance at school as a basis for finance,

(2) seek a solution to the special funding problems of part-time pupils, and

(3) consider the special problems encountered by school districts that experience unusual population growth.

The alternative methods developed may be implemented, by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, on an experimental basis by a cross-section of high school districts. The results of the study and experimentation

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shall be reported to the 45th legislature.
Section 2. This act is repealed on January 4, 1977.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 104-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 28, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 261 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:

Senate Bill 261 directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to study and develop an alternative method of financing the public high schools and to allow a cross section of the schools to adopt the method on an experimental basis. The act is repealed on January 4, 1977.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. Ample historical school district data is readily available for the proposed study.
2. The alternative method decided upon will be simulated rather than actually used on an experimental basis, thus avoiding additional school district costs.
3. Additional .5 FTE professional staff and .5 FTE clerical aide will be required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increased expenditures by category	FY 76	FY 77
Personal Services	\$ 13,115	\$ 6,557
Operating Expenses	<u>4,050</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Total Increase	<u>\$ 17,165</u>	<u>\$ 8,307</u>

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of Senate Bill 261 will result in an estimated \$25,472 increase in expenditure during the biennium.


 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: January 31, 1975