

1 Senate BILL NO. 1309
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
5 75-6925, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROVIDE STATE IMPACT AID TO SCHOOL
6 DISTRICTS WHEN SIX PERCENT (6%) OR MORE OF THE RESIDENT
7 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT PLUS THE
8 RESIDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT
9 UNDER AN APPROVED TUITION AGREEMENT ARE CHILDREN OF STATE
10 EMPLOYEES."

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

13 Section 1. Section 75-6925, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 "75-6925. Eligibility for and payment of state impact
16 aid. Any district which shall have children of employees of
17 a public institution may be eligible for state impact aid
18 under the following provisions:

19 (1) An "employee" means an employee of a public
20 institution under the administration of the department of
21 public institutions as defined in section 80-1403, R. C. M.,
22 1947, who resides on the property of such a public
23 institution;

24 (2) A school district shall receive annually from
25 moneys available for state equalization aid one hundred

1 fifty dollars (\$150) for each elementary pupil, and two
2 hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each high school pupil,
3 whose parents are employees of an institution located in the
4 school district where the pupil attends school or in a
5 school district which has a tuition agreement with the
6 district where the pupil attends school;

7 (3) A district which is eligible for state impact aid
8 shall apply for such aid to the superintendent of public
9 instruction in the manner prescribed by the rules and
10 regulations prescribed by the superintendent of public
11 instruction; and

12 (4) The distribution of state impact aid shall be
13 deposited in the general fund of the district and shall not
14 be considered as a part of the state equalization aid but
15 shall be used to reduce the property tax in support of the
16 general fund of the district.

17 Whenever six percent (6%) or more of a district's
18 residents that are enrolled in an elementary or high school
19 of the district or are attending a school outside of the
20 district under an approved tuition agreement are children of
21 state employees, such district shall be eligible for state
22 impact aid under the following provisions:

23 (1) A "state employee" means a person who is employed
24 by the state of Montana for state service. This definition
25 does not include a person employed by a county, city or

1 school district.

2 (2) Any district may receive an annual state impact
 3 aid payment under the provisions of the act by applying
 4 annually with the superintendent of public instruction in
 5 the manner established by the rules and regulations
 6 prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction which
 7 shall include:

8 (a) pupil enrollment in the schools of the district
 9 who are residents of the district;

10 (b) number of resident tuition children attending
 11 schools of other districts;

12 (c) number of children reported in subsections (a) and
 13 (b) that are children of state employees who reside within
 14 the district; and

15 (d) any other information the superintendent of public
 16 instruction may deem advisable.

17 (3) The children of public institution employees shall
 18 be considered in determining the eligibility of a district
 19 but shall be eligible for state impact aid under the public
 20 institution provision only.

21 (4) If the superintendent of public instruction
 22 determines that an applying district is eligible, a payment
 23 from moneys available for state equalization aid shall be
 24 made to the district. The payment for each child of a state
 25 employee shall be one-half of the per pupil amount paid for

1 children of public institution employees, as expressed in
 2 this section. The state impact aid shall not exceed
 3 one-half of the per pupil property taxation amount for the
 4 general fund and tuition fund multiplied by the number of
 5 children eligible for state impact aid.

6 (5) The distribution of state impact aid shall be
 7 deposited in the general fund and tuition fund of the
 8 district in proportion to the eligible pupils and eligible
 9 tuition children of the district. State impact aid shall
 10 not be considered as a part of the state equalization aid
 11 payment but shall be used to reduce the property tax in
 12 support of the general fund and tuition fund."

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