

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE AID PAYMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED, TO COMPENSATE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON A BASIS COMPARABLE TO THE PROPERTY TAX RATE APPLIED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTENTS ON SUCH REAL PROPERTY; AND REPEALING SECTION 75-6925, R.C.M. 1947."

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

Section 1. Eligibility. (1) Whenever state-owned real property with improvements on the property which are insured for fire loss purposes is located within a school district, the school district shall be eligible for the state-owned-property aid payment.

(2) An eligible district shall apply to the superintendent of public instruction for the state-owned-property aid in the manner prescribed by the superintendent which shall include an identification of the property and the current year's mill levies for school district and county taxation in support of the applicant

district.

Section 2. Department of administration to furnish values. The department of administration or any other applicable state agency shall provide the state superintendent of public instruction with values of state-owned property that have been established for fire and allied lines insurance for all buildings on the property and personal property within the buildings. The values acquired from the department shall be adjusted by the superintendent by applying the applicable rate under the rate classifications in 84-401 to establish a value comparable to a taxable value for property taxation purposes.

Section 3. Computation of payment. The superintendent of public instruction shall compute the amount of the state-owned-property aid payment each year by multiplying the current year's district and county mill rates for property taxation in support of the applicant district by the adjusted value established in [section 2]. The superintendent shall distribute the state-owned-property aid to the district and direct the deposit of the payment in the funds supported by the mill levies used in the calculation of the payment amount. Distribution of the payment among the district and county funds shall be on a basis proportional to the mill levy amounts. The state-owned-property aid shall be used to reduce property taxation.

1 Section 4. Repealer. Section 75-6925, R.C.M. 1947, is
2 repealed.

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