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H BILL NO. *465*
INTRODUCED BY *Hoyer, Bengtson, Hand, Estess, Schmidt*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ENLISTMENT BONUS UPON A FIRST ENLISTMENT IN THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD."

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

Section 1. Enlistment bonus for first enlistment in national guard. (1) Upon a first enlistment in the Montana national guard, an enlisted member becomes entitled to a bonus of \$150 for each year of his enlistment period. The first bonus is payable upon enlistment and annually thereafter upon the anniversary of the enlistment.

(2) In lieu of the cash bonus provided by subsection (1) of this section, the member may elect to receive a voucher that entitles him to \$150 each year in tuition and fee waivers at a unit of the Montana university system. The voucher may be presented at the time tuition and fees are paid. The university system may forward the vouchers to the department of military affairs for reimbursement.

(3) A member loses his entitlement to the bonus for any year in the enlistment if in that year he:

(a) loses credit for a drill as a result of an unexcused absence or unsatisfactory participation as

governed by applicable federal regulations or fails to attend more than 90% of the regularly scheduled unit drills; or
(b) does not participate in annual active duty training.
(4) Upon loss of entitlement to the bonus, the member shall pay back that year's bonus.

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INTRODUCED BILL

HB 465

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 319-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 1, 1977, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 465 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:

House Bill 465 provides an enlistment bonus upon first enlistment in the Montana National Guard.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There will be approximately 625 persons to take advantage of this option in FY 78 and 520 in FY 79 (necessitating bonus payments for 1,145 personnel in FY 79).
2. Of the above, 195 persons each year could be considered directly attributable to the enlistment bonus.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Additional expenditures due to proposed legislation	<u>\$ 93,750</u>	<u>\$171,750</u>

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of House Bill 465 would result in an estimated increase in general fund expenditures of \$265,500.

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