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 11 elementary school or public high school, whichever the case
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 14 practical route, from the nearest operating public
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 16 the school attended by the pupil reside in excess of 1 mile
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 288-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 28, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 571 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 571 liberalizes the eligibility requirements for school bus transportation.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are presently 113,230 children who are not receiving transportation to Montana public schools.
2. Districts which include 1/2 of those presently ineligible would be eligible under the provisions of House Bill 571.
3. Two-thirds of the children in the districts affected by House Bill 571 would be eligible for transportation.
4. School buses are presently operating at 75% capacity. The busses could carry an average of 17% additional without added costs.
5. Existing driver/transportee ratios, cost per pupil, and reimbursement schedules will remain in effect over the 1979 Biennium.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
State transportation funds	\$1,144,818	\$1,144,818
State equalization funds	<u>794,957</u>	<u>794,957</u>
Additional cost to state of proposed legislation*	<u>\$1,939,775</u>	<u>\$1,939,775</u>

*The above additional costs would have to be funded by the State General Fund.

LOCAL IMPACT:

County funds	\$ 699,720	\$ 699,720
School district funds	<u>1,607,604</u>	<u>1,607,604</u>
Additional cost to counties and school districts due to proposed legislation	<u>\$2,307,324</u>	<u>\$2,307,324</u>

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: February 4, 1977