

1 BILL NO. 628
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$14,000
 5 TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR A STUDY OF
 6 POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PROVIDING POSTSECONDARY
 7 EDUCATION TO RESIDENTS OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS."

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

10 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated
 11 \$14,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of higher
 12 education for a study of possible alternative methods of
 13 providing postsecondary education to residents of Indian
 14 reservations.

15 Section 2. Study. (1) The commissioner of higher
 16 education shall prepare the study for presentation, together
 17 with recommendations for providing postsecondary education
 18 on Indian reservations, to the 46th legislature.

19 (2) The study shall:

20 (a) assess the need and demand for postsecondary
 21 academic and vocational-technical education on Indian
 22 reservations;

23 (b) survey and describe potential alternative methods
 24 of meeting such need and demand, with particular attention
 25 given to administrative procedures;

1 (c) assess human, financial, and educational resources
 2 currently and potentially available to tribal boards of
 3 education, commissions, and other organizations created by
 4 tribal governing bodies and make recommendations for the
 5 most effective and efficient use of these resources by such
 6 boards, commissions, and organizations.

7 (3) In preparing the study and recommendations
 8 contained therein, the commissioner shall consult with
 9 tribal education authorities and organizations, the
 10 superintendent of public instruction, and other public
 11 agencies and institutions with relevant expertise.

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