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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 358-77

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 3, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 649 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 649 provides additional transportation reimbursement for parents transporting children to schools or bus stops when the parents make multiple round trips.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. 100 families will be eligible for increased reimbursement; 2/3 of the eligible are in the elementary schools; 1/3 are in the high schools.
2. The average mileage paid to those eligible is for ten (10) miles or \$2.04 per day.
3. Elementary transportation costs are borne equally by state, county and district entities; 2/3 of the high school transportation costs are borne by the county and 1/3 by the state.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
State	\$12,240	\$12,240
*County	16,279	16,279
District	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,200</u>
	<u>\$36,719</u>	<u>\$36,719</u>

\*\$8,200 of the county figure is funded by the basic 25 mill levy of the foundation program.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

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