

1 House BILL NO. 707
 2 INTRODUCED BY Senator Conroy, Senator Peterson,
 3 Harrington, Lin, Lemley, Barrett, Barrett,
 4 Burnett
 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCALLY
 6 BASED INDIAN TEACHER-TRAINING PROGRAMS BE ADMINISTERED BY
 7 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR INDIAN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS IN
 8 COOPERATION WITH THE UNITS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN MONTANA;
 9 PROVIDING THAT THIS ACT SHALL BE REPEALED JULY 1, 1979; AND
 10 AMENDING SECTIONS 75-6134 AND 75-6135, R.C.M. 1947, AND
 11 SECTION 5, CHAPTER 425, LAWS OF 1975."

12 WHEREAS: (1) The state of Montana has an obligation to
 13 help fulfill affirmative action requirements to hire more
 14 Indian teachers in the schools of Montana;

15 (2) Only 30 teachers of the 10,348 teachers in the
 16 state are of Indian descent;

17 (3) The Indian teacher-training programs currently
 18 operating under funding of the state legislature in Great
 19 Falls and on the Rocky Boy, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne
 20 reservations have been independently evaluated and rated as
 21 outstanding programs, meeting or exceeding their program
 22 goals and objectives;

23 (4) There is a specific need to continue the existing
 24 Indian teacher-training programs and expand them to include
 25 the Blackfeet, Flathead, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck

1 reservations in Montana;

2 (5) The best method of teacher-training in these
 3 instances is to provide training based upon college level
 4 learning theory combined with practical experience in the
 5 local schools serving the Indian populations;

6 (6) Understanding of Indian children and an
 7 appreciation of their cultural needs can best be gained from
 8 teachers of Indian descent who are trained and employed in
 9 schools where there are heavy concentrations of Indian
 10 student populations;

11 (7) The state of Montana recognizes that the
 12 non-Indian teacher turnover rate on Indian reservations is
 13 excessive;

14 (8) Indian teachers trained locally make the best
 15 teachers because only they know and understand the needs of
 16 the Indian children with whom they share a common heritage;

17 (9) Locally trained Indian teachers are most likely to
 18 remain in their local areas to teach;

19 (10) The state of Montana must act on the
 20 recommendations of the Commission on Postsecondary Education
 21 as they pertain to native Americans;

22 (11) The state of Montana must act to meet the
 23 requirements of the Indian studies law, which requires
 24 teachers to be certified in the area of Indian studies;

25 (12) The native American people of Montana desire to

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2 culture; and

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5 reservations and off the reservations in Montana.

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14 the secretary of the interior.

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16 organized under the school laws of the state of Montana, and
17 any education systems established by any Indian tribe of the
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20 corporation incorporated under the laws of Montana, under
21 federal laws of the United States, or, under the laws of
22 Indian tribes of Montana, the board of directors of which
23 has a majority of persons of Indian descent.

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15 Reservation--and--Northern-Cheyenne-Education-Commission-on
16 the-Northern-Cheyenne-Reservation.

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21 (6) Flathead Tribal Committee, Flathead Reservation.

22 (7) Hays-Lodgepole School District #50, Fort Belknap
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2 amended to read as follows:

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4 and all unexpended funds will revert to the general fund."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 378-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received 2-7, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 707 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

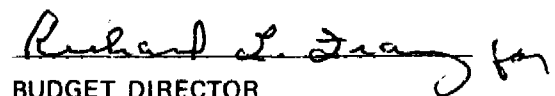
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to provide that locally based Indian teacher-training programs be administered by local school districts or Indian nonprofit corporations in cooperation with the units of higher education in Montana; providing that this act shall be repealed July 1, 1979.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The program for FY77 is funded at a level of \$240,000. Due to the broader participation provided by the proposed legislation and inflation, it is estimated the funds needed are \$400,000 in FY78 and \$440,000 in FY79.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-11-77

Approved by Committee
on Education

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23 ~~(7) Way Lodgepole School District #50 INTERTRIBAL~~
 24 ~~EDUCATION CENTER, INC., Fort Belknap Reservation.~~

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