

1 *House* BILL NO. *746*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A JOB
 5 MARKET SURVEY BE CONDUCTED BEFORE A NEW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
 6 COURSE IS ESTABLISHED AND TO ALLOW GOVERNING BODIES OF
 7 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY
 8 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 75-7704, R.C.M.
 9 1947."

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

11 Section 1. Job market survey required — content of
 12 survey. (1) Before the governing body of any school
 13 district, community college district, or unit of the Montana
 14 university system may establish a course in vocational
 15 education as defined in 75-7701, it shall conduct a job
 16 market survey of the trade in which the course is proposed.
 17 The survey shall be conducted in cooperation with the
 18 nearest branch of the employment security division,
 19 prospective employers, and any existing advisory groups or
 20 vocational area in the county.

21 (2) The survey shall include an analysis of existing
 22 vocational education courses in the trade maintained by high
 23 schools, community colleges, and private postsecondary
 24 educational institutions in the county.
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1 Section 2. Options in providing vocational education.
 2 After completing the survey required in [section 1 of this
 3 act], the governing body of a school district, community
 4 college district, or unit of the Montana university system
 5 may execute one of the following options based on the
 6 results of the survey:

- 7 (1) establish a vocational education course in the
- 8 trade, in accordance with the standards of the board of
- 9 public education;
- 10 (2) sign a contract with a private postsecondary
- 11 educational institution;
- 12 (3) discontinue plans for establishing a new
- 13 vocational education course.

14 Section 3. Contracts with private postsecondary
 15 educational institutions. (1) Each contract between the
 16 governing body of a school district, community college
 17 district, or unit of the Montana university system and a
 18 private postsecondary educational institution for the
 19 purpose of providing vocational education to students shall:

- 20 (a) be approved by the board of public education;
- 21 (b) provide that the amount charged for each student
- 22 enrolled in the course does not exceed the total direct and
- 23 indirect costs of providing the same training in the public
- 24 school or the tuition the private institution charges its
- 25 students, whichever is lower;

1 (c) provide that public school students receiving
2 vocational education in a private postsecondary educational
3 institution may not be charged additional tuition for any
4 training included in the contract;

5 (d) provide that the course must meet standards for
6 vocational education courses established by the board of
7 public education.

8 (2) The board of public education may cause an audit
9 of the accounts of the private postsecondary educational
10 institution and the governing body signing a contract for
11 vocational education to the extent necessary to assure the
12 integrity of the public funds.

13 Section 4. Section 75-7704, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 "75-7704. District authorization to establish and
16 maintain vocational education courses and programs. After
17 conducting a job market survey as required in [section 1 of
18 this act], the ~~the~~ trustees of any district, community
19 college district, or unit of the Montana university system
20 may establish and maintain a vocational education course or
21 program that complies with the vocational education
22 standards adopted by the board of public education. In order
23 for a course or program to be eligible for state or federal
24 financing, it shall be approved by the board of public
25 education."

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 488-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 14, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 746 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 746 requires that a job market survey be conducted before a new vocational education course is established and to allow governing bodies of schools to contract with private postsecondary educational institutions.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- .50 FTE professional staff and .50 FTE secretarial staff and commensurate operating and equipment expenses will be required.
- Increased competition could potentially decrease the cost of delivering vocational education; however, the fiscal magnitude is indeterminable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Personal services	\$14,700	\$15,500
Operating expenses	6,000	6,500
Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Additional cost of proposed legislation	<u>\$23,700</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>

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