

HOUSE BILL 236

IN THE HOUSE

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Committee on Education and  
Cultural Resources.

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1 *House* BILL NO. *236*  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF  
 5 PUBLIC EDUCATION TO APPROVE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT  
 6 MONTANA STATE PRISON; PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE  
 7 SUPERINTENDANT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ADMINISTER THE  
 8 PROGRAM; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 20-7-301 AND 20-7-302, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 20-7-301, MCA, is amended to read:  
 12 "20-7-301. Duties of board of public education. The  
 13 board of public education shall be the governing board of  
 14 the state of Montana for vocational education. The board of  
 15 public education shall adopt policies to effect the orderly  
 16 development of a system of vocational education that is  
 17 adaptable to changing needs, controlled to prevent  
 18 unnecessary duplication, coordinated with federal guidelines  
 19 and requirements for vocational education, and funded to  
 20 ensure growth and quality programming. In order to  
 21 accomplish the orderly development of a system of vocational  
 22 education, the board of public education policies shall  
 23 include:

- 24 (1) a state plan for such development;
- 25 (2) standards for vocational education courses and

- 1 programs;
- 2 (3) instructor qualifications for vocational education
- 3 courses and programs;
- 4 (4) criteria for approval of vocational education
- 5 courses and programs which are to receive financial
- 6 assistance;
- 7 (5) a basis for apportionment of all moneys
- 8 appropriated by the legislature for vocational education in
- 9 accordance with the intent of the legislature as reflected
- 10 in the terms of the appropriation;
- 11 (6) a basis for apportionment of all moneys received
- 12 by the state of Montana for vocational education from the
- 13 federal government in accordance with the acts of congress;
- 14 (7) a system of evaluation of vocational education
- 15 which allows for consideration of the current and projected
- 16 manpower needs and job opportunities; and
- 17 (8) any other policy not inconsistent with public law
- 18 and which is necessary for the proper operation of a system
- 19 of vocational education;
- 20 ~~(9) approval of all vocational education courses and~~
- 21 ~~programs offered at Montana state prison."~~

22 Section 2. Section 20-7-302, MCA, is amended to read:  
 23 "20-7-302. Duties of superintendent of public  
 24 instruction as executive officer. The superintendent of  
 25 public instruction shall be the executive officer of the

1 board of public education for the administration of all  
 2 state and federal laws related to vocational education. As  
 3 the executive officer, the superintendent of public  
 4 instruction shall:

5 (1) administer the vocational education policies  
 6 adopted by the board of public education;

7 (2) prepare curriculum guides for board of public  
 8 education adoption;

9 (3) employ, with the confirmation of the board of  
 10 public education, the professional staff necessary for the  
 11 state supervision and administration of vocational  
 12 education;

13 (4) report the status of vocational education in the  
 14 state of Montana when requested by the board of public  
 15 education;

16 (5) keep all vocational education records in his  
 17 office; end

18 (6) provide vocational education supervisory and  
 19 consultative assistance to districts; and

20 ~~(7) administer all vocational education courses and~~  
 21 ~~programs offered at Montana state prison."~~

22 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Establishment and maintenance  
 23 of vocational education courses and programs at Montana  
 24 state prison. The department of institutions shall establish  
 25 and maintain vocational education courses and the executive

1 officer shall administer and evaluate the courses and  
 2 programs under the policies of the board of public  
 3 education. All courses and programs must meet with the  
 4 approval of the state board of public education and promote  
 5 the rehabilitation of inmates in order to prepare them for  
 6 future employment.

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