

SENATE BILL 329

IN THE SENATE

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Committee on Education.

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 2 INTRODUCTION BY *Senators* BILL NO. *329*
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW INCREASED
 5 REGULAR AVERAGE NUMBER BELONGING PAYMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL
 6 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING A METHOD OF
 7 CALCULATION; INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL ARTS COURSES IN THE
 8 FORMULA AT A DECREASED RATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-9-313,
 9 MCA."

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

12 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Calculation of additional
 13 regular ANB for vocational education. Additional average
 14 number belonging for high school vocational education
 15 programs is computed in the following manner:

16 (1) The total number of board of public education
 17 approved vocational education periods offered by a high
 18 school district on October 1 of the previous year is divided
 19 by the total number of board of public education approved
 20 periods offered by the district on October 1 of the previous
 21 year.

22 (2) The total number of pupils enrolled in the high
 23 school district as of October 1 of the previous year is
 24 multiplied by the percentage derived in subsection (1).

25 (3) To determine the additional average number

1 belonging entitlement for high school vocational education
 2 programs that may be used in the preparation of the high
 3 school district's following year budget as allowed under
 4 20-9-319, the high school vocational average number
 5 belonging calculated under subsections (1) and (2) must be
 6 multiplied by 0.3.

7 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Minimum number of pupils for
 8 vocational education period. The board of public education
 9 shall establish the minimum number of pupils for a
 10 vocational education period according to the size of the
 11 high school district. If a period does not meet the minimum
 12 size established by the board of public education, the
 13 period must be reimbursed at a lower percentage, to be
 14 determined by the board of public education, than a period
 15 that meets the minimum standard.

16 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Additional regular ANB for
 17 industrial arts programs. Board of public education approved
 18 industrial arts programs are included in the provisions of
 19 [section 1] at a level equal to 50% of the additional
 20 regular annual number belonging authorized for vocational
 21 education programs.

22 Section 4. Section 20-9-313, MCA, is amended to read:
 23 "20-9-313. Circumstances under which the regular
 24 average number belonging may be increased. The average
 25 number belonging of a school for a given school fiscal year,

1 calculated in accordance with the ANB formula prescribed in
2 20-9-311, may be increased when:

3 (1) the opening of a new elementary school or the
4 reopening of an elementary school has been approved in
5 accordance with 20-6-502. The average number belonging for
6 such school shall be established by the county
7 superintendent and approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the
8 superintendent of public instruction.

9 (2) the opening or reopening of a high school or a
10 branch of the county high school has been approved in
11 accordance with 20-6-503, 20-6-504, or 20-6-505. The average
12 number belonging for such high school shall be established
13 by the county superintendent's estimate, after an
14 investigation of the probable number of pupils that will
15 attend such high school.

16 (3) a district anticipates an increase in the average
17 number belonging due to the closing of any private or public
18 school in the district or a neighboring district. The
19 estimated increase in average number belonging shall be
20 established by the trustees and the county superintendent
21 and approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the superintendent
22 of public instruction no later than the fourth Monday in
23 June.

24 (4) a district anticipates an unusual enrollment
25 increase in the ensuing school fiscal year. The increase in

1 average number belonging shall be based on estimates of
2 increased enrollment approved by the superintendent of
3 public instruction and shall be computed in the manner
4 prescribed by 20-9-314.

5 (5) for the initial year of operation of a program
6 established under 20-7-117(1), the ANB to be used for budget
7 purposes is the same as one-half the number of 5-year-old
8 children residing in the district as of October 1 of the
9 preceding school year, either as shown on the official
10 school census or as determined by some other procedure
11 approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

12 (6) a special full-time pupil, as defined in 20-9-311,
13 in a given school year will no longer be considered a
14 special full-time pupil in the ensuing school year (the
15 superintendent of public instruction may grant one ANB for
16 such pupil for the ensuing school year); or

17 (7) a high school district provides early graduation
18 for any student who completes graduation requirements in
19 less than eight semesters or the equivalent amount of
20 secondary school enrollment. The increase shall be
21 established by the trustees as though the student had
22 attended to the end of the school year and shall be
23 approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the superintendent of
24 public instruction.

25 (8) a high school district provides a board of public

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1 education approved vocational or industrial arts education
2 program. Regular average number belonging must be increased
3 according to the provisions of [section 1]."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 203-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

compliance with a written request received Feb. 2, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
SB 329 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:

Senate Bill 329 increases the regular average number belonging for students in High School, Vo-Ed. and industrial arts programs.

ASSUMPTION:

This bill increases average number belonging for vo-ed students and thus raises the maximum general fund budget without a vote.

FISCAL IMPACT:

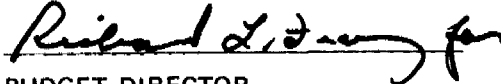
Increased cost to state equalization (Foundation and Permissive)

<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>\$2,400,000</u>	<u>\$2,400,000</u>

This difference would have to come from the State General Fund or statewide deficiency levy.

LOCAL IMPACT:

The proposed legislation reduces local levies \$1,600,000 per year.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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