

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

INTRODUCED BY DONALDSON, THOFT, BENGTON

IN THE HOUSE

January 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
January 7, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 9, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass and be placed on consent calendar. Report adopted.
January 10, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks. Considered correctly engrossed.
January 12, 1981	Fiscal note returned. Consent calendar, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

January 13, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
March 17, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 19, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 21, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 23, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 17 with the following provisions:

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 20 immediately review all the factors of the application and  
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6 accordance with subsection (6) if the increase in subsection  
7 (4)(a) is at least 6%.

8 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall  
9 notify the district of his decision by the fourth Monday in  
10 June.

11 (6) Whenever an unusual enrollment increase is approved  
12 by the superintendent of public instruction, the increase of  
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14 foundation program for the ensuing school fiscal year shall  
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23 from provisions of this section shall be reviewed at the end  
24 of the ensuing school fiscal year. If the actual average  
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4 actual average number belonging. All payments received by  
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7 20-9-344(3)."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 27-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

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In compliance with a written request received January 8, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 15 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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.

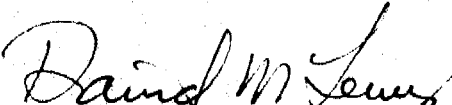
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Description of Proposed Legislation

A proposal to increase the average number belonging (ANB) for foundation aid to school districts with unusual enrollment increases.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed legislation will serve to increase the amount of money available to schools that have a sudden influx of students. This will have some impact on the Foundation program, however, it is impossible to measure such impact unless it is known in advance which districts will experience a sudden influx and how large the influx will be.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-12-80

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SECOND READING BILL  
WAS NOT PRINTED.



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