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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 155
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FUNDING
5	ALLOCATIONS OF THE SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM AND THE
5	LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM SINKING FUND BY EQUALLY DIVIDING
7	THE INTEREST AND INCOME FROM THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX BETWEEN
8	THEM; BY ALTERING CONTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME AND CORPORATE TAX;
9	AND BY LOWERING THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY FOR SCHOOL
10	DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM;
11	AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-501, 15-35-108, 17-5-408, 20-9-331,
12	20-9-333, AND 20-9-343, MCA.**
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
15	Section 1. Section 15-1-501, MCA, is amended to read:
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13	shall deposit to the credit of the state general fund all
19	moneys received by him from the collection of:
20	(a) automobile driver's license fees under subsections
21	(1) through (6) of 61-5-111;
22	(b) electric energy producer's license taxes under
23	chapter 51;
24	(c) metalliferous mines license taxes under chapter
25	37;

- 1 (d) oil and gas severance taxes allocated to the general fund under chapter 36;
 - (e) liquor license taxes under Title 16;

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- (f) telephone license taxes under chapter 53; and
- 5 (g) inheritance and estate taxes under Title 72.
 6 chapter 16.
- 7 (2) Seventy-five Sixty percent of all moneys received 8 from the collection of income taxes under chapter 30 and corporation license and income taxes under chapter 31. 10 except as provided in 15-31-702, shall be deposited in the 11 general fund subject to the prior pledge and appropriation 12 of such income tax and corporation license tax collections 13 for the payment of long-range building program bonds. The 14 remaining 25% 40% of the proceeds of the corporation license 15 tax, excluding that allocated to the counties under 16 15-31-702, corporation income tax, and income tax shall be 17 deposited to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund for 18 state equalization aid to the public schools of Montana.
 - (3) The state treasurer shall also deposit to the credit of the state general fund all moneys received by him from the collection of license taxes, fees, and all net revenues and receipts from all other sources under the operation of the Eontana Alcoholic Beverage Code.**
- 24 Section 2. Section 15-35-108, MCA, is amended to read: 25 #15-35-108. Disposal of severance taxes. Severance

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taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter are allocated as follows:

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- (1) To the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution, 25% of total collections a year. After December 31, 1979, 50% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to this trust fund. The trust fund moneys shall be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(5) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law. Interest and income of the fund shall be allocated as follows:
- (a) Fifty percent of the interest and income of the trust fund deposited under 17-6-203(5) shall be allocated to the earmarked revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools as provided in 20-9-343.
- (b) Fifty percent of the interest and income of the trust fund deposited under 17-6-203(5) shall be allocated to the long-range building program sinking fund account established in 17-5-405.
- (2) Coal severance tax collections remaining after allocation to the trust fund under subsection (1) are allocated in the following percentages of the remaining balance:
- (a) to the county in which coal is mined, 2% of the severance tax paid on the coal mined in that county until January 1, 1980, for such purposes as the governing body of

the county may determine;

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- 2 (b) 2 1/2% until December 31, 1979, and thereafter 5% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the alternative energy research development and demonstration account:
- 6 {c} 26 1/2% until July 1, 1979, and thereafter 37 1/2%
 7 to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the local
 8 impact and education trust fund account;
- 9 (d) for each of the 2 fiscal years following June 30, 10 1977, 13% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the coal area highway improvement account;
- 12 (e) 10% to the earmarked revenue fund for state 13 equalization aid to public schools of the state;
- 14 (f) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of
 15 the county land planning account;
 - (g) 2 1/2% to the sinking fund to the credit of the renewable resource development bond account;
- 18 (h) 5% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of
 19 a trust fund for the purpose of parks acquisition or
 20 management, protection of works of art in the state capitol,
 21 and other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this
 22 trust fund shall be appropriated as follows:
- (i) 1/3 for protection of works of art in the statecapitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects; and
 - (ii) 2/3 for the acquisition of sites and areas

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described in 23-1-102 and the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired;

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- (i) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the state library commission for the purposes of providing basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking;
- (j) all other revenues from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter to the credit of the general fund of the state.

Section 3. Section 17-5-408, MCA, is amended to read:

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sources. (1) The state pledges and appropriates and directs
to be credited as received to the sinking fund account ±1%
8% of all money, except as provided in 15-31-702, received
from the collection of the income tax and the corporation
license tax referred to in 15-1-501 and such additional
amount of said taxes, if any, as may at any time be needed
to comply with the principal and interest and reserve
requirements stated in 17-5-405(4), provided that no more
than ±1% 8% of such tax collections shall be deemed to be
pledged for the purpose of 17-5-403(2). The pledge and
appropriation herein made shall be and remain at all times a
first and prior charge upon all money received from the

1 collection of said taxes.

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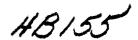
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(2) The state pledges and appropriates and directs to be credited to the sinking fund account 15% of all money received from the collection of the 9-cent excise tax on cigarettes which is levied, imposed, and assessed by 16-11-111(1). The state also pledges and appropriates and directs to be credited as received to the sinking fund account all money received from the collection of each of the excise taxes on cigarettes which are levied. imposed. and assessed by subsection (2) and (3) of 16-11-111, as amended, after the payment and redemption in full of the outstanding bonds for which said taxes have heretofore been pledged and appropriated or after the necessary funds have been set aside for such payment and redemption as provided in this part. The state also pledges and appropriates and directs to be credited as received to the sinking fund account all money received from the collection of the taxes on other tobacco products which are or may hereafter be levied, imposed, and assessed by law for that purpose, including the tax levied, imposed, and assessed by 16-11-202. Nothing herein shall impair or otherwise affect the provisions and covenants contained in the resolutions authorizing the presently outstanding long-range building program bonds. Subject to the provisions of the preceding sentence, the pledge and appropriation herein made shall be



and remain at all times a first and prior charge upon all
money received from the collection of all taxes referred to
in this subsection (2).

- 131_The_state pledges and appropriates and directs to be credited as received to the sinking fund account 50% of the interest and income from the investment of the constitutional coal tax severance fund allocated as provided in 15-35-108 and deposited under 17-6-203.**
- Section 4. Section 20-9-331, MCA, is amended to read:

 #20-9-331. Basic county tax and other revenues for county equalization of the elementary district foundation program. (1) It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county to levy an annual basic tax of 25 18 mills on the dollars of the taxable value of all taxable property within the county for the purposes of local and state foundation program support. The revenue to be collected from this levy shall be apportioned to the support of the foundation programs of the elementary school districts in the county and to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, in the following manner:
- (a) In order to determine the amount of revenue raised by this levy which is retained by the county, the sum of the estimated revenues identified in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(f) below shall be subtracted from the sum of the county elementary transportation obligation and the total of the

- foundation programs of all elementary districts of the
 county.
 - (b) If the basic levy of 25 18 mills produces more revenue than is required to finance the difference determined above, the county commissioners shall order the county treasurer to remit the surplus funds to the state treasurer for deposit to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, not later than June 1 of the fiscal year for which the levy has been set.
 - (2) The proceeds realized from the county's portion of the levy prescribed by this section and the revenues from the following sources shall be used for the equalization of the elementary district foundation programs of the county as prescribed in 20-9-334, and a separate accounting shall be kept of such proceeds and revenues by the county treasurer in accordance with 20-9-212(1):
 - (a) the portion of the federal forest reserve funds distributed to a county and designated for the common school fund under the provisions of 17-3-213;
- 20 (b) the portion of the federal Taylor Grazing Act
 21 funds distributed to a county and designated for the common
 22 school fund under the provisions of 17-3-222;
- 23 (c) the portion of the federal flood control act funds 24 distributed to a county and designated for expenditure for 25 the benefit of the county common schools under the

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provisions of 17-3-232;

- (d) all moneys which are paid into the county treasury as a result of fines for violations of law and the use of which is not otherwise specified by law;
- (e) any money remaining at the end of the immediately preceding school fiscal year in the county treasurer's account for the various sources of revenue established or referred to in this section; and
- (f) any federal or state moneys distributed to the county as payment in lieu of the property taxation established by the county levy required by this section.**
- Section 5. Section 20-9-333, MCA, is amended to read:

 #20-9-333. Basic special levy and other revenues for
 county equalization of high school district foundation
 program. (1) It shall be the duty of the county
 commissioners of each county to levy an annual basic special
 tax for high schools of ±5 12 mills on the dollar of the
 taxable value of all taxable property within the county for
 the purposes of local and state foundation program support.
 The revenue to be collected from this levy shall be
 apportioned to the support of the foundation programs of
 high school districts in the county and to the earmarked
 revenue fund, state equalization aid account, in the
 following manner:
 - (a) In order to determine the amount of revenue raised

by this levy which is retained by the county, the estimated revenues identified in subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) below shall be subtracted from the sum of the county's high school tuition obligation and the total of the foundation programs

of all high school districts of the county.

- 6 (b) If the basic levy for ±5 12 mills produces more
 7 revenue than is required to finance the difference
 8 determined above, the county commissioners shall order the
 9 county treasurer to remit the surplus to the state treasurer
 10 for deposit to the earmarked revenue fund, state
 11 equalization aid account, not later than June 1 of the
 12 fiscal year for which the levy has been set.
 - (2) The proceeds realized from the county's portion of the levy prescribed in this section and the revenues from the following sources shall be used for the equalization of the high school district foundation programs of the county as prescribed in 20-9-334, and a separate accounting shall be kept of these proceeds by the county treasurer in accordance with 20-9-212(1):
- 20 (a) any money remaining at the end of the immediately
 21 preceding school fiscal year in the county treasurer*s
 22 account for deposit of the proceeds from the levy
 23 established in this section; and
- 24 (b) any federal or state moneys distributed to the 25 county as a payment in lieu of the property taxation

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established by the county levy required by this section."
Section 6. Section 20-9-343, MCA, is amended to read:
#20-9-343. Definition of and revenue for state
equalization aid. (1) As used in this title, the term "state
equalization aid means those moneys deposited in the
earmarked revenue fund as required in this section plus any
legislative appropriation of moneys from other sources for
distribution to the public schools for the purpose of

10 (2) The following shall be paid into the earmarked
11 revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of
12 the state:

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- 13 (a) 25% 40% of all moneys received from the collection 14 of income taxes under chapter 30 of Title 15;
 - (b) 25% 40% of all moneys, except as provided in 15-31-702, received from the collection of corporation license taxes under chapter 31 of Title 15, as provided by 15-1-501:
- 19 (c) 10% of the moneys received from the collection of 20 the severance tax on coal under chapter 35 of Title 15;
 - (d) 62 1/2% of the moneys received from the treasurer of the United States as the state's shares of oil, gas, and other mineral royalties under the federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act, as amended;
 - (e) interest and income moneys described in 20-9-341

(f) income from the local impact and education trust fund account; and

(g) 50% of the interest and income of the constitutional coal tax severance fund as provided in 15-3-108(1); and

(g) 50% of the interest and income of the constitutional coal tax severance fund as provided in the sevenues of the surplus revenues collected by the counties for foundation program support according to 20-9-331 and 20-9-333 shall be paid into the same earmarked revenue fund.**

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. ___81-81

FISCAL NOTE

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Description of Proposed Legislation

An act to change funding allocations of the school equalization program and the long range building program sinking fund by equally dividing the interest and income from the coal severance tax between them, altering contributions of income and corporate tax; and by lowering the property tax mill levy for school district contributions to the school equalization program.

Assumption

- 1. All figures apply only to the specific sources of revenue contained in this proposed legislation. Local property tax collections are not included, since they will be unchanged by this bill.
- 2. Individual income tax collections: FY 1982 \$161.556 M, FY 1983 \$167.993 M.
- 3. Corporation tax collections (excludes 80% of corporation tax revenues from financial institutions 15-31-702, MCA): FY 1982 \$42.592 M, FY 1983 \$43.245 M.
- 4. Current law allocations from income tax and corporate tax revenues General Fund, 65%, Building Sinking Fund, 11%, School Equalization Fund, 25%.
- 5. Proposed allocation General Fund, 52%, Building Sinking Fund, 8%, School Equalization Fund, 40%.
- 6. Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund (Interest & Income)

Balance - End of FY 1980 - \$ 2.322 M

Accrual - FY 1981 - \$ 4.774 M

Accrual - FY 1982 - \$10.699 M

Accrual - FY 1983 - \$17.381 M

- 7. Available for appropriation FY 1982 \$17.795 M, FY 1983 \$17.381 M.
- 8. Proposed allocation Building Sinking Fund 50%, School Equalization Fund 50%.
- 9. The impact of the change in local school district contributions to the School Equalization program is not addressed in this fiscal note.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-16-81

Fiscal Impact	FY 1982	FY 1983
Fund Information:		
General Fund	and the second s	
Under Current Law Under Proposed Law	\$130.654 M 106.157 M	\$135.193 M 109.843 M
Estimated Decrease	<u>\$(24.497</u>)M	\$(25.350)M
Long Range Building Program Sinking Fund		
Under current law Under proposed law	\$ 22.456 M 25.230 M	\$ 23.236 M 25.590 M
Estimated Increase	\$ 2.774 M	\$ 2.354 M
School Equalization Program		
Under current law Under proposed law	\$ 51.038 M 90.557 M	\$ 52.809 M 93.186 M
Estimated Increase	\$ 39.519 M	\$ 40.377 M

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Date: _____

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In compliance with a written request received		, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
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FISCAL IMPACT (continued)		
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Estimated Increase	\$ 2.773 M	\$ 2.354 M
School Equalization Fund		
Under current law	\$ 51.038 M	\$ 52.809 M
Under proposed law	74.225 M	76.287 M
Estimated Increase	\$ 23.187 M	\$ 23.478 M

TECHNICAL NOTE

The allocation formula in assumption number 5 is not based on the formula as defined in the introduced version of HB 155. The proposed bill would have to be amended to reflect the allocation formula as used in assumption number 5.

PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-21-81

Approved by Committee on Taxation

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 - Section-2---Section-15-35-188,-MEA,-is-amended-to-reads

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Section—3*—Section—17—5—400v—MGAy—is-amended—to—reading and—of-propriate—and—directs to—be—credited—as—received—to—the—sinking—fund—account—11% of-all—money—except—as—provided—in—15—31—782v—received from—the—collection—of-the—income—tax—and—the—corporation license—tax—referred—to—in—15—1—501—and—such—additional amount—of—said—taxesv—if—any—as—may—at—any—time—be—needed to—comply—with—the—principal—and—interest—and—reserve requirements—stated—in—17—5—405(4)v—provided—that—no—more thun—11% of—such—tax—collection—shall—be—deamed—to—be pledged—for—the—purpose—of—17—5—403(2)v—The—pledge—and appropriation—herein—mode—shall—be—and—remain—at—all—times—a

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t31 The state-pledges-and-appropriates and directs-to
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the interest and income from the investment of the
constitutional coal tax severance fund-allocated as provided
in-15-35-100 and deposited under 17-6-203=**

Section 2. Section 20-9-331. MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-331. Basic county tax and other revenues for county equalization of the elementary district foundation program. (1) It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county to levy an annual basic tax of 25 ±0 25 mills on the dollars of the taxable value of all taxable property within the county, EXCLUSING VEHICLES AND LIGHT TRUCKS WITH A GYM CAPACITY OF THREE-QUARTER TON OR LESS, for the purposes of local and state foundation program support. The revenue to be collected from this levy shall be apportioned to the support of the foundation programs of the elementary school districts in the county and to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, in the following manner:

(a) In order to determine the amount of revenue raised by this levy which is retained by the county, the sum of the

estimated revenues identified in subsections (2)(a) through

(2)(f) below shall be subtracted from the sum of the county

elementary transportation obligation and the total of the
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county.

- (b) If the basic levy of 25 ±8 25 mills produces more revenue than is required to finance the difference determined above, the county commissioners shall order the county treasurer to remit the surplus funds to the state treasurer for deposit to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, not later than June 1 of the fiscal year for which the levy has been set.
- (2) The proceeds realized from the county's portion of the levy prescribed by this section and the revenues from the following sources shall be used for the equalization of the elementary district foundation programs of the county as prescribed in 20-9-334, and a separate accounting shall be kept of such proceeds and revenues by the county treasurer in accordance with 20-9-212(1):
- (a) the portion of the Federal forest reserve funds distributed to a county and designated for the common school fund under the provisions of 17-3-213;
- 23 (b) the portion of the federal Taylor Grazing Act
 24 funds distributed to a county and designated for the common
 25 school fund under the provisions of 17-3-222;

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(c) the portion of the federal flood control act funds distributed to a county and designated for expenditure for the benefit of the county common schools under the provisions of 17-3-232:

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- 5 (d) all moneys which are paid into the county treasury 6 as a result of fines for violations of law and the use of 7 which is not otherwise specified by law;
 - (e) uny money remaining at the end of the immediately preceding school fiscal year in the county treasurer's account for the various sources of revenue established or referred to in this section; and
 - (f) any federal or state moneys distributed to the county as payment in lieu of the property taxation established by the county levy required by this section."
 - Section 3. Section 20-9-333, MCA, is amended to read:

 #20-9-333. Basic special levy and other revenues for county equalization of high school district foundation program. (1) It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county to levy an annual basic special tax for high schools of 15 12 15 mills on the dollar of the taxable value of all taxable property within the county.

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- of the foundation programs of high school districts in the county and to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, in the following manner:
 - (a) In order to determine the amount of revenue raised by this levy which is retained by the county, the estimated revenues identified in subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) below shall be subtracted from the sum of the county's high school tuition obligation and the total of the foundation programs of all high school districts of the county.
 - (b) If the basic levy for ±5 ±2 ±5 mills produces more revenue than is required to finance the difference determined above, the county commissioners shall order the county treasurer to remit the surplus to the state treasurer for deposit to the earmarked revenue fund, state equalization aid account, not later than June 1 of the fiscal year for which the levy has been set.
 - (2) The proceeds realized from the county's portion of the levy prescribed in this section and the revenues from the following sources shall be used for the equalization of the high school district foundation programs of the county as prescribed in 20-9-334, and a separate accounting shall be kept of these proceeds by the county treasurer in accordance with 20-9-212(1):
- 24 (a) any money remaining at the end of the immediately 25 preceding school fiscal year in the county treasurer's

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- (b) any federal or state moneys distributed to the County as a payment in lieu of the property taxation established by the county levy required by this section."
- Section 4. Section 20-9-343, MCA, is amended to read: "20-9-343. Definition of and revenue for state equalization aid. (1) As used in this title, the term "state equalization aid* means those moneys deposited in the earmarked revenue fund as required in this section plus any legislative appropriation of moneys from other sources for distribution to the public schools for the purpose of equalization of the foundation program.
- (2) The following shall be paid into the earmarked revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of the state:
- 17 (a) 25% 40% 29% of all moneys received from the collection of income taxes under chapter 30 of Title 15: 18
 - (b) 25% 40% 29% of all moneys, except as provided in 15-31-702, received from the collection of corporation license taxes under chapter 31 of Title 15, as provided by 15-1-501;
- (c) 10% of the moneys received from the collection of 23 the severance tax on coal under chapter 35 of Title 15; 24
 - (d) 62 1/2% of the moneys received from the treasurer

- of the United States as the state's shares of oil, gas, and 2 other mineral royalties under the federal Mineral Lands 3 Leasing Act, as amended:
- (e) interest and income moneys described in 20-9-341 and 20-9-342;
- 6 (f) income from the local impact and education trust 7 fund account; and AND
- 8 191--50%---of---the---interest---and---income---of--the constitutional--coal--tax--severance--fund--gs--provided--in 9
- 10 15-3-108(1);-and
- 11 ty) th) (G) in addition to these revenues, the surplus 12 revenues collected by the counties for foundation program support according to 20-9-331 and 20-9-333 shall be paid 13 14 into the same earmarked revenue fund."

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 155
2	INTRODUCED BY NORDIVEDT
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FUNDING
5	ALLOCATIONS OF THE SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM AND-THE
6	LONG-RANGE-BUILDING-PROGRAM-SINKING-FUND-BY-EQUALLY-DIVIDING
7	THE-ENTEREST-AND-ENCOME-FROM-THE-COAL-SEVERANCE-TAXBETWEEN
8	THEM+ BY ALTERING CONTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME AND CORPORATE TAX:
9	AND BY LOWERING ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY ON
0	CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
1	SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-501,
2	15-35-108+-17-5-408+ 20-9-331, 20-9-333, AND 20-9-343, MCA.*
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4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
5	Section 1. Section 15-1-501, MCA, is amended to read:
6	"15-1-501. Disposition of moneys from certain
7	designated license and other taxes. (1) The state treasurer
8	shall deposit to the credit of the state general fund all
9	moneys received by him from the collection of:
0	(a) automobile driver's license fees under subsections
21	(1) through (6) of 61-5-111;
22	(b) electric energy producer's license taxes under
23	chapter 51;
24	(c) metalliferous mines license taxes under chapter
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- 1 (d) oil and gas severance taxes allocated to the
 2 general fund under chapter 36;
 - (e) liquor license taxes under Title 16:

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- (f) telephone license taxes under chapter 53; and
- 5 (g) inheritance and estate taxes under Title 72, 6 chapter 16.
- 7 (2) Seventy-five Sixty SEVENTY-ONE percent of all 8 moneys received from the collection of income taxes under 9 chapter 30 and corporation license and income taxes under 10 chapter 31, except as provided in 15-31-702, shall be deposited in the general fund subject to the prior pledge 11 12 and appropriation of such income tax and corporation license 13 tax collections for the payment of long-range building 14 program bonds. The remaining 25% 40% 29% of the proceeds of 15 the corporation license tax, excluding that allocated to the counties under 15-31-702, corporation income tax, and income 16 17 tax shall be deposited to the credit of the earmarked 18 revenue fund for state equalization aid to the public 19 schools of Montana.
 - (3) The state treasurer shall also deposit to the credit of the state general fund all moneys received by him from the collection of license taxes, fees, and all net revenues and receipts from all other sources under the operation of the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code."
- 25 Section-2--Section-15-35-188y-MCAy-is-amended-to-reads

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17-5-400--Percentage--of-income*-corporation—license*

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131--The--state-pleages-and-appropriates-and-directs-to be-credited-as-received-to-the-sinking-fund-account--50%--of the---interest---and--income--from--the--investment--of--the constitutional-coal-tex-severance-fund-allocated-as-provided in-15-35-108-and-deposited-under-17-6-203="

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