

House Bill 319

In The House

January 19, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
January 21, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 24, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
April 23, 1981	Died in committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

INTRODUCED BY *Vincent* *Stall* *Russant*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICES TO CERTIFIABLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM."

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

Section 1. Short title. [This act] may be cited as the "University System Handicapped Student Services Funding Act of 1981".

Section 2. Purpose. [This act] is intended to provide needed services to certifiably handicapped students enrolled in units of the university system. Such services may include specialized educational material and equipment, support and referral services, academic support, specialized recreational equipment, therapy, career and placement services, and the personnel to implement these services. Funds appropriated for the purposes of [this act] may not be used for the purposes of campus or classroom accessibility for handicapped students.

Section 3. Definition. As used in [this act], "certifiably handicapped student" means a student who possesses a limitation that is certified as such by a

licensed physician, psychologist, audiologist, speech pathologist, registered nurse, social worker, rehabilitation counselor, physical therapist, or other appropriate professional.

Section 4. Basis for distribution of funds. (1) The commissioner of higher education shall:

(a) establish guidelines for certifying handicapped students;

(b) determine the number of certifiably handicapped students at each unit of the university system;

(c) estimate an average amount of appropriation due for each certifiably handicapped student enrolled in each unit of the university system; and

(d) insure an equitable distribution of the appropriated funds to each unit of the university system based on the average amount due for each certifiably handicapped student.

(2) The office of budget and program planning shall disburse to the commissioner of higher education the total amount appropriated for the purposes of [this act] when the commissioner complies with the provisions of subsection (1).

Section 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the office of budget and program planning the sum of \$834,953 from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, for the purposes of disbursing such funds to the

1 commissioner of higher education at such time as the  
2 commissioner establishes guidelines for the equitable  
3 disbursement of the funds to each unit of the university  
4 system for services for certifiably handicapped students.  
5 The appropriated amount available for each fiscal year is as  
6 follows:

7	For fiscal year ending June 30, 1982	\$447,971
8	For fiscal year ending June 30, 1983	\$386,987

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 168-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

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In compliance with a written request received January 22, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H. B. 319 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:

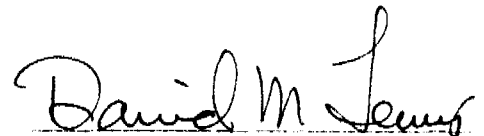
H. B. 319 provides for services to certifiably handicapped students enrolled in units of the Montana University System. This bill appropriates \$447,971 for FY 82 and \$386,987 for FY 83.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. First year cost per student would be \$920 and second year costs per student would be \$795.
2. There are estimated to be 487 certifiably handicapped students.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 82</u>	<u>FY 83</u>
Expenses:		
Personal Services	\$285,096	\$296,762
Operating Expenses	<u>162,875</u>	<u>90,225</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$447,971</u>	<u>\$386,987</u>



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-23-81

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