SB 5 INTRODUCED BY BOB WILLIAMS LIMITING THE PUBLIC-INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAYS FOR SCHOOLS TO FOUR, AND MODIFYING AVERAGE NUMBER BELONGING CALCULATIONS

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DECREASING TO FOUR THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PUPIL-INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAYS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED DURING A SCHOOL YEAR; MODIFYING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE AVERAGE NUMBER BELONGING FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FUNDING PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-304 AND 20-9-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-1-304, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-1-304. Pupil-instruction-related day. A

pupil-instruction-related day shall be a day of teacher

activities devoted to improving the quality of instruction.

Such activities may include but are not limited to

in-service training, attending state meetings of teacher

organizations, and conducting parent conferences. A maximum

of 7 4 pupil-instruction-related days may be conducted

during a school year, provided that such days are approved

by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance

with the policy adopted by the board of public education.

Such days shall not be included as a part of the required

minimum of 180 days of pupil instruction."



Section 2. Section 20-9-311, MCA, is amended to read: 1 2 "20-9-311. Calculation of average number belonging (ANB). (1) Average number belonging shall be computed by 3 determining the total of the aggregate days of attendance by 4 regularly enrolled, full-time pupils during the current 5 school fiscal year plus the aggregate days of absence by regularly enrolled, full-time pupils during the current 7 school fiscal year and by dividing such total by ±80 the number of pupil-instruction days in the current school 9 fiscal year. However, when a school district has approval to 10 operate less than 180 school days under 20-9-804, such total 11 shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of 12 20-9-805. Attendance for a part of a morning session or a 13 part of an afternoon session by a pupil shall be counted as 14 attendance for one-half day. In calculating the ANB for 15 pupils enrolled in a program established under 20-7-117 16 prior to January 1, 1974, or pursuant to 20-7-117(1), 17 attendance at or absence from a regular session of the 18 program for at least 2 hours of either a morning or an 19 afternoon session will be counted as one-half of a day 20 21 attended or absent as the case may be. If a variance has been granted as provided in 20-1-302, ANB will be computed 22 in a manner prescribed by the superintendent of public 23 instruction, but in no case shall the ANB exceed one-half 24 for each kindergarten pupil. When any pupil has been absent, 25

with or without excuse, for more than 10 consecutive school days, including pupil-instruction-related days, his absence after the 10th day of absence shall not be included in the aggregate days of absence and his enrollment in the school shall not be considered in the calculation of the average number belonging until he resumes attendance at school.

- (2) If a student spends less than half his time in the regular program and the balance of his time in school in the special education program, he shall be considered a full-time special pupil but shall not be considered regularly enrolled for ANB purposes. If a student spends half or more of his time in school in the regular program and the balance of his time in the special education program, he shall be considered regularly enrolled for ANB purposes.
- (3) The average number belonging of the regularly enrolled, full-time pupils for the public schools of a district shall be calculated individually for each school, except that when:
- (a) more than one school of a district, other than a junior high school in an elementary district which has been approved and accredited as a junior high school, is located within the incorporated limits of a city or town, the average number belonging of such schools shall be based on the aggregate of all the regularly enrolled, full-time

- pupils attending such schools located within the
 incorporated limits of a city or town;
- 3 (b) a junior high school which has been approved and
 4 accredited as a junior high school is located within the
 5 incorporated limits of a city or town in which a high school
 6 is located, all of the regularly enrolled, full-time pupils
 7 of the junior high school shall be considered as high school
 8 district pupils for the purposes of calculating the average
 9 number belonging of the high schools located within the
 10 incorporated limits of such city or town;
- (c) a middle school has been approved and accredited,
 in which case pupils below the 7th grade shall be considered
 elementary school pupils for ANE purposes and the 7th and
 8th grade pupils shall be considered high school pupils for
 ANB purposes; or
- (d) a school has not been accredited by the board of
 public education, the regularly enrolled, full-time pupils
 attending the nonaccredited school shall not be eligible for
 average number belonging calculation purposes, nor will an
 average number belonging for the nonaccredited school be
 used in determining the foundation program for such
 district.
- 23 (4) When lith or 12th grade students are regularly
 24 enrolled on a part-time basis, high schools may calculate
 25 the ANB to include an "equivalent ANB" for those students.

- 1 The method for calculating an equivalent ANB shall be
- 2 determined in a manner prescribed by the superintendent of
- 3 public instruction."
- 4 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is
- 5 effective on passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB005, as originally introduced.

Description of Proposed Legislation:

SB005 reduces the number of pupil instruction related days eligible for funding by the Foundation Program from 7 to 4. Also adjusts the method in which the average number belonging (ANB) is calculated for each school.

Assumptions:

- Number of pupil instruction related days will remain at the 1985-86 level. 1.
- 2. 86 schools currently operate longer than 180 school days.
- Foundation Program expenses in FY87 increase by 4% over the 1986 level. 3.
- Enrollment remains at the 1986 level. 4.
- Assumes ANB change will alter school year 1987 Foundation payments. 5.

Fiscal Impact:

		<u>FY87</u> General Fund Impact	
Reducing the number of pupil instruction related days		(\$4,253,208)	
Adjusting ANB calculati			
Fou	ndation	(\$1,320,788)	
Sta	te share of permissive levy	(243,838)	
		(\$5,817,834)	

Local Impact:

School districts would not receive funding for more than 4 pupil instruction related days or more than 180 school days. These costs would be funded from the voted levy if districts chose to exceed these amounts of funded school days.

Technical Note:

There may be some confusion regarding the calculation of the ANB for school year 1987. If it is the intent that the ANB change affect school year 1987 Foundation payments, an amendment should be added to clarify that issue.

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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