

SENATE BILL NO. 10

INTRODUCED BY TOWE, BENGTSON, REGAN, BLAYLOCK, ECK,
HIMSL, LYNCH, HAGER, HAFFEY, MOHAR, HIRSCH,
MCCALLUM, NORMAN, B. BROWN, SEVERSON

IN THE SENATE

June 18, 1986

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Education and
Cultural Resources.

June 21, 1986

Committee recommend bill do
pass. Report adopted.

Second reading, do pass.

Third reading, do pass.
Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.

Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

June 23, 1986

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Education and
Cultural Resources.

June 27, 1986

Committee recommend bill be
concurred in. Report adopted.

Second reading, concurred in.

Third reading, concurred in.

Returned to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

June 27, 1986

Received from House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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3 Eck, Arnold, Syrett, Haffey, Nolan, Las, Hirsch, Madaleno
4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE

5 FIRST PAYMENT OF STATE EQUALIZATION AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
6 BE DISTRIBUTED BY JULY 15 OF THE SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR AND BE
7 BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF 20 PERCENT OF EACH DISTRICT'S
8 ENTITLEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-344, MCA; AND PROVIDING A
9 CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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19 revenues required for debt service and for the payment of
20 any and all costs and expense incurred in connection with
21 any adult education program, recreation program, school food
22 services program, new buildings, new grounds, and
23 transportation.

24 (2) The board of public education shall administer and
25 distribute the state equalization aid in the manner and with

1 the powers and duties provided by law. To this end, the
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7 (b) have the power to require such reports from the
8 county superintendents, budget boards, county treasurers,
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11 distribute the state equalization aid on the basis of each
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14 distribution of state equalization aid, the board of public
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22 the overpayment to the state upon the request of the
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24 prescribed by the department of commerce.

25 (4) The first payment of state equalization aid must

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5 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Contingent effective date.

6 (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), this act is
7 effective on passage and approval.

8 (2) This act is effective if the maximum budget
9 schedules for school fiscal year 1987 in 20-9-318 and
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Description of Proposed Legislation:

Assumptions:

- Fiscal Impact:

Don. L. Hunter 5/27/86
BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

DATE _____

Fiscal Note for SB010, third reading.

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