HB 303 INTRODUCED BY BROWN, D., ET AL. MANDATE KINDERGARTEN IN FIRST-CLASS SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- 1/20 INTRODUCED
- 1/20 REFERRED TO EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES
- 1/21 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED
- 1/22 FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED
- 2/04 HEARING
- 2/14 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED
- 2/17 2ND READING NOT PASSED

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House BILLINO. 303

2 INTRODUCED BY Due From July

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TRUSTEES OF A FIRST-CLASS ELEMENTARY DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-7-117, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 20-7-117, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-117. Five-year-old schooling and preschool
programs. (1) The trustees of an a first-class elementary
district, as defined in 20-6-201, may shall establish a
program capable of accommodating, at a minimum, all the
children in the district who will be 5 years old on or
before September 10 of the school year for which the program
is to be conducted or has been enrolled by special
permission of the board of trustees. The program shall be an
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and governed accordingly, provided that to be eligible for
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child must have reached the age of 5 on or before September
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB303, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act requiring first class elementary school districts to establish a kindergarten program in the district.

ASSUMPTIONS:

FISCAL IMPACT:

All first class elementary school districts currently have kindergarten programs.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

N/A

DAVID L. HUNTER, BUJGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning

DAVE BROWN, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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