

HB 897 INTRODUCED BY ASAY, ET AL.  
APPROPRIATE \$1 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO SCHOOLS TO  
ENCOURAGE TECHNOLOGY

3/24 INTRODUCED  
3/24 REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS  
3/27 HEARING  
3/31 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 897  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Asay Wanda Bradley  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO  
 5 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR GRANTS TO  
 6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND  
 7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN MONTANA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO  
 8 IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF MONTANA'S EDUCATION  
 9 SYSTEM."  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Appropriation for grants. There is  
 13 appropriated to the superintendent of public instruction \$1  
 14 million from the general fund for the biennium ending June  
 15 30, 1989, to award grants to school districts for the  
 16 purpose of encouraging the use of technology and  
 17 telecommunications in order to improve the efficiency and  
 18 quality of Montana's public schools.

19 Section 2. Grant program -- allocation of money. (1)  
 20 The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a  
 21 grant program to which school districts may apply for grants  
 22 for the purposes provided in section 1.

23 (2) The money appropriated to the grant program must  
 24 be allocated in the following manner:

25 (a) 40% for grants that promote professional

1 development for teachers in the use of technology and  
 2 telecommunications in the classroom;

3 (b) 35% for grants that assist in acquisition of  
 4 products needed to implement the use of technology and  
 5 telecommunications in the classroom or in the administration  
 6 of the school;

7 (c) 20% for grants that identify ways in which  
 8 technology and telecommunications can contribute to cost  
 9 savings for individual school districts or combinations of  
 10 districts; and

11 (d) 5% for administration of the program.

12 (3) A school district that applies for a grant under  
 13 this section shall provide matching funds. More than one  
 14 school district may cooperate to apply for a grant.

15 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall  
 16 develop the criteria and mechanisms for application to the  
 17 grant program.

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