SENATE BILL NO. 302

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INTRODUCED BY JERGESON, M. WILLIAMS, GLASER, PECK, B. BROWN, REGAN

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 6, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.
FEBRUARY 19, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1987	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
FEBRUARY 23, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.
FEBRUARY 24, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 25, 1987	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
IN	THE HOUSE
MARCH 3, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.
MARCH 24, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 28, 1987	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 30, 1987	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 96; NOES, 2.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 31, 1987

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RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITIED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL 5 OF HIGH SCHOOL TUITION WHEN A CHILD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND 6 HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF HIS RESIDENCE BUT 7 WITHIN THE STATE OF MONTANA; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-5-311, 8 MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 20-5-311, MCA, is amended to read: 11 "20-5-311. High school tuition. (1) Any child may be 12 13 enrolled in and attend a high school outside of the high school district in which he resides when such high school is 14 located in Montana or in a county of another state that is 15 adjacent to the state of Montana. When a parent or quardian 16 of a child wishes to have his child attend a school under 17 the provisions of this section, he shall apply to the county 18 superintendent of the county of his residence before July 1 19 of the school fiscal year for which he seeks approval except 20 21 in those cases when substantial changes in circumstances occurred subsequently to justify later application. Such 22 application shall be made on a tuition agreement form 23 supplied by the county superintendent. The trustees of the 24 district of residence, the trustees of the district in which 25

1 the child wishes to attend school, and the county 2 superintendent are the approval agents for tuition to 3 another high school within the county. The county superintendent of the county of residence and the trustees 4 of the district in which the child wishes to attend school 5 are the approval agents for attendance outside the county. 6 7 (2) (a) (i) The approval agents shall approve a tuition application when a child lives closer to a high 8 9 school of another district than any high school located within his resident district or when, due to road or 10 11 geographic conditions, it is impractical to attend the high 12 school nearest his residence.

13 (ii) However, the approval agents are not required to 14 approve a tuition application for a student seeking to 15 attend a high school outside the state of Montana or the 16 resident district if the resident district provides 17 transportation. This exception does not apply when:

(A) the child resides in a county different from the 18 county wherein the school he wishes to attend is located; or 19 20 (B) the child has enrolled in a high school outside 21 his resident district and has received an approved tuition 22 agreement on or before April 30, 1985. For the purposes of this subsection (2)(a)(ii)(B), the child has the right to 23 24 continue his high school education in the receiving high school outside his resident district on an approved tuition 25

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1 agreement, subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) The approval agents shall approve a tuition
application when a child is required to attend high school
outside the district of residence <u>but within the state of</u>
<u>Montana</u> as the result of an order of a court of competent
jurisdiction. For purposes of this subsection (b), the
following do not apply:

8 (i) the prescribed geographic relationship of the
9 receiving district to the district of residence in this
10 subsection (2); or

11 (ii) an order issued under Title 40, chapter 4, part 2. 12 (c) In approving a tuition agreement under this provision, the approval agents may require the child to 13 attend the high school closest to his residence. The 14 approval agents may approve any other tuition application 15 that satisfies the geographic requirements of this section. 16 (3) The trustees of the district where the child 17 wishes to attend school shall approve or disapprove any 18 tuition application submitted to them under the provisions 19 of this section within 15 days after the receipt of the 20 application. 21

(4) The county superintendent shall notify the parent
or guardian and the trustees of the district where the child
wishes to attend school of the tuition agreement approval or
disapproval. If a tuition agreement is disapproved by one or

more approval agents, the parent may appeal such disapproval to the county superintendent and, subsequently, to the superintendent of public instruction under the provision for the appeal of controversies in this title.

5 (5) The approval of any tuition agreement by all of 6 the applicable approval agents or upon appeal shall 7 authorize the child named in such agreement to enroll in and 8 attend the school named in such agreement for the ensuing 9 school fiscal year."

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Extension of authority. Any 11 existing authority of the superintendent of public 12 instruction to make rules on the subject of the provisions

13 of this act is extended to the provisions of this act.

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB302, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act requiring the approval of high school tuition when a child is required to attend high school outside the jurisdiction of his residence but within the State of Montana; and amending Section 20-5-311, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- Under current law, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) does not pay educational 1. costs for foster care placements at out-of-state institutions. The proposed bill does not clearly identify the party responsible for such costs; however, if SRS were determined to be responsible for such costs the proposed bill would have a fiscal impact.
- If SRS were responsible for educational costs of out-of-state placements, it is assumed that 50 percent of 2. such placements would require payment. One half the estimated number of days of care for out-of-state placements is estimated to be 6,856 in FY88 and FY89.
- The funding for such costs would be 87 percent state and 13 percent county funds. The remainder of the 3. out-of-state placements would be classified as special education placements and education costs would not be affected by the proposed legislation.
- Data is not available regarding the amount or mix of local school district funds that currently finance the 4. educational costs of out-of-state placements for foster care.

FISCAL IMPACT:	FY88			FY89			
		rent aw	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Revenues:	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Expenditures: Out-of-State education expenses	\$	0	\$130,734	\$ 130,734	\$ 0	\$130,73 4	\$ 130,734
<u>Funding</u> : General Fund County Fund	\$ \$	0 0	\$113,739 \$ 16,995	\$ 113,739 \$ 16,995	\$0 \$0	\$113,739 \$ 16,995	\$ 113,739 \$ 16,995

These education expenses might not be paid by the local school districts, and SRS is not assuming responsibility of these costs.

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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

Local school districts will not be responsible to pay for the non-special education out-of-state placements and will realize an estimated savings of \$130,734.

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

Section 1(2)(b) does not fix responsibility for who will pay for out-of-district placements not made within the State of Montana.

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

1SENATE BILL NO. 3022INTRODUCED BY JERGESON, M. WILLIAMS, GLASER, PECK,3B. BROWN, REGAN

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRED-APPROVAL 6 <u>PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT</u> OF HIGH SCHOOL TUITION WHEN A 7 CHILD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE 8 JURISDICTION-OF-HIS-RESIDENCE--BUT--WITHIN THE STATE OF 9 MONTANA; AND AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 20-5-311 AND 10 20-9-313, MCA."

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(ii) However, the approval agents are not required to approve a tuition application for a student seeking to attend a high school outside the state of Montana or the resident district if the resident district provides transportation. This exception does not apply when:

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county wherein the school he wishes to attend is located; or
(B) the child has enrolled in a high school outside
his resident district and has received an approved tuition
agreement on or before April 30, 1985. For the purposes of
this subsection (2)(a)(ii)(B), the child has the right to

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continue his high school education in the receiving high
 school outside his resident district on an approved tuition
 agreement, subject to the provisions of this section.

4 (b) The approval agents shall approve a tuition 5 application when a child is required to attend high school 6 outside the district of residence but-within--the--state--of 7 Montana as the result of an order of a court of competent 8 jurisdiction. IF A CHILD, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL EDUCATION 9 CHILD, IS PLACED BY COURT ORDER OUTSIDE THE STATE, THE 10 SCHOOL DISTRICT SENDING THE CHILD MAY RECEIVE FOUNDATION 11 PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE CHILD AS IF HE WERE ATTENDING HIGH 12 SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT. IF THE TUITION FOR THE CHILD IS 13 GREATER THAN THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE CHILD, 14 THE EXCESS MUST BE PAID IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN 20-5-312 15 FOR A PUPIL ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OF 16 RESIDENCE. For purposes of this subsection (b), the 17 following do not apply:

18 (i) the prescribed geographic relationship of the 19 receiving district to the district of residence in this 20 subsection (2); or

(ii) an order issued under Title 40, chapter 4, part 2.
(c) In approving a tuition agreement under this
provision, the approval agents may require the child to
attend the high school closest to his residence. The
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1 that satisfies the geographic requirements of this section.
2 (3) The trustees of the district where the child
3 wishes to attend school shall approve or disapprove any
4 tuition application submitted to them under the provisions
5 of this section within 15 days after the receipt of the
6 application.

7 (4) The county superintendent shall notify the parent or guardian and the trustees of the district where the child 8 wishes to attend school of the tuition agreement approval or 9 10 disapproval. If a tuition agreement is disapproved by one or more approval agents, the parent may appeal such disapproval 11 12 to the county superintendent and, subsequently, to the superintendent of public instruction under the provision for 13 14 the appeal of controversies in this title.

15 (5) The approval of any tuition agreement by all of 16 the applicable approval agents or upon appeal shall 17 authorize the child named in such agreement to enroll in and 18 attend the school named in such agreement for the ensuing 19 school fiscal year."

20 <u>SECTION 2. SECTION 20-9-313, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:</u> 21 "20-9-313. Circumstances under which the regular 22 average number belonging may be increased. The average 23 number belonging of a school for a given school fiscal year, 24 calculated in accordance with the ANB formula prescribed in 25 20-9-311, may be increased when:

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1 (1) the opening of a new elementary school or the 2 reopening of an elementary school has been approved in 3 accordance with 20-6-502. The average number belonging for 4 such school shall be established by the county 5 superintendent and approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the 6 superintendent of public instruction.

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7 (2) the opening or reopening of a high school or a 8 branch of the county high school has been approved in 9 accordance with 20-6-503, 20-6-504, or 20-6-505. The average 10 number belonging for such high school shall be established 11 by the county superintendent's estimate, after an 12 investigation of the probable number of pupils that will 13 attend such high school.

14 (3) a district anticipates an increase in the average 15 number belonging due to the closing of any private or public school in the district or a neighboring district. The 16 17 estimated increase in average number belonging shall be 18 established by the trustees and the county superintendent and approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the superintendent 19 20 of public instruction no later than the fourth Monday in 21 June.

(4) a district anticipates an unusual enrollment
increase in the ensuing school fiscal year. The increase in
average number belonging shall be based on estimates of
increased enrollment approved by the superintendent of

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public instruction and shall be computed in the manner
 prescribed by 20-9-314.

3 (5) for the initial year of operation of a program established under 20-7-117(1), the ANB to be used for budget purposes is the same as one-half the number of 5-year-old children residing in the district as of September 10 of the preceding school year, either as shown on the official school census or as determined by some other procedure approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

10 (6) a special full-time pupil, as defined in 20-9-311,
11 in a given school year will no longer be considered a
12 special full-time pupil in the ensuing school year (the
13 superintendent of public instruction may grant one ANB for
14 such pupil for the ensuing school year); or

15 (7) a high school district provides early graduation for any student who completes graduation requirements in 16 less than eight semesters or the equivalent amount of 17 secondary school enrollment or when a high school district 18 provides early graduation for a class of students who have 19 completed the requirements for graduation after 175 20 pupil-instruction days in the 12th grade. The increase shall 21 be established by the trustees as though the student had 22 attended to the end of the school year and shall be 23 approved, disapproved, or adjusted by the superintendent of 24 25 public instruction.

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(8) a high school district is responsible for the
 tuition of a student who has been sent by court order
 outside the state pursuant to 20-5-311(2)(b). Upon approval
 of the superintendent of public instruction, the student may
 be considered one ANB."
 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Extension of authority. Any

7 existing authority of the superintendent of public
8 instruction to make rules on the subject of the provisions
9 of this act is extended to the provisions of this act.

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2	INTRODUCED BY JERGESON, M. WILLIAMS, GLASER, PECK,
3	B. BROWN, REGAN
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this subsection (2)(a)(ii)(B), the child has the right to

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1 continue his high school education in the receiving high 2 school outside his resident district on an approved tuition 3 agreement, subject to the provisions of this section.

4 (b) The approval agents shall approve a tuition application when a child, AS A RESULT OF A COURT ORDER, is 5 6 required to attend high school outside the district of residence: but-within-the-state-of-Montana as-the-result-of 7 8 an-order-of-a-court-of-competent-jurisdiction. IP--A--CHILD7 9 OTHER--THAN--A--SPECIAL--EDUCATION-CHILD7-IS-PLACED-BY-COURT ORDER-OUTSIDE-THE-STATE,-THE-SCHOOL-DISTRICT-SENDING-THE 10 11 CHILD--MAX--RECEIVE-POUNDATION-PROGRAM-PUNDING-POR-THE-CHILD 12 AS-IF-HE-WERE-APPENDING-HIGH-SCHOOL-IN-THE-DISTRICT--IF--THE 13 TUITION-FOR-THE-CHIDD-IS-GREATER-THAN-THE-FOUNDATION-PROGRAM 14 PUNBING-POR-THR-CHILB7-THE-EXCESS-MUST-BB-PAID-IN-THE-MANNER 15 PROVIDED--IN--20-5-312--POR--A--PUPIL--ATTENDING-HIGH-SCHOOL 16 OUTBIDE-THE-COUNTY-OP-RESIDENCE. 17 (I) BUT WITHIN THE STATE OF MONTANA OR ANOTHER STATE THAT MAINTAINS A RECIPROCAL TUITION AGREEMENT UNDER 18 19 20-5-314; OR 20 (II) IN A STATE THAT DOES NOT HAVE A RECIPROCAL TUITION 21 AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 20-5-314. THE AMOUNT OF DAILY TUITION 22 MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE AVERAGE DAILY COST PER STUDENT IN THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE. THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TUITION 23 MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COST PER STUDENT 24 IN THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE. THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT 25 -3-SB 302

SHALL CALCULATE THE AVERAGE ANNUAL AND THE AVERAGE DAILY 1 COST PER STUDENT. For purposes of this subsection (b), the 2 3 following do not apply: fit--the--prescribed--geographic--relationship--of--the 4 receiving-district-to-the--district--of--residence--in--this 5 subsection-(2);-or 6 (ii) an order issued under Title 40, chapter 4, 7 part 2; 8 (B) PLACEMENT OF A CHILD PURSUANT TO TITLE 20, CHAPTER 9 7, PART 4. 10 (c) In approving a tuition agreement under this 11 provision, the approval agents may require the child to 12 attend the high school closest to his residence. The 13 approval agents may approve any other tuition application 14 that satisfies the geographic requirements of this section. 15 (3) The trustees of the district where the child 16 wishes to attend school shall approve or disapprove any 17 tuition application submitted to them under the provisions 18 of this section within 15 days after the receipt of the 19 20 application. (4) The county superintendent shall notify the parent 21 or guardian and the trustees of the district where the child 22 wishes to attend school of the tuition agreement approval or 23 disapproval. If a tuition agreement is disapproved by one or 24

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 superintendent of public instruction under the provision for
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9 <u>BETION-2---SECTION-20-9-3137-MCAT-IS-AMENDED-TO--READ:</u> 10 #20-9-313---Circumstances---under---which--the--regular 11 average-number-belonging--may--be--increased----The--average 12 number-belonging-of-a-school-for-a-given-school-fiscal-year7 13 calculated--in-accordance-with-the-ANB-formula-prescribed-in 14 20-9-3117-may-be-increased-when:

15 (1)--the-opening-of-a--new--elementary--school--or--the 16 reopening--of--an--elementary--school--has--been-approved-in 17 accordance-with-20-6-502r-The-average-number--belonging--for 18 such---school---shall---be---established---by---the---county 19 superintendent-and-approvedr-disapprovedr-or-adjusted-by-the 20 superintendent-of-public-instructionr

21 (2)--the-opening-or-reopening-of-a--high--school--or--a
22 branch--of--the--county--high--school--has--been-approved-in
23 accordance-with-20-6-5037-20-6-5047-or-20-6-5055-The-average
24 number-belonging-for-such-high-school-shall--be--established
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investigation-of-the-probable-number--of--pupils--that--will

2 attend-such-high-schoolr

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+3+--a--district-anticipates-an-increase-in-the-average 3 number-belonging-due-to-the-closing-of-any-private-or-public Δ school-in-the--district--or--a-neighboring--district---The 5 estimated--increase--in--average--number--belonging-shall-be 6 7 established-by-the-trustees-and--the--county--auperintendent 8 and-approved,-disapproved,-or-adjusted-by-the-superintendent of--public--instruction--no--later-than-the-fourth-Monday-in 9 10 dune-

(4)--a--district--anticipates--an--unusual---enroliment 11 12 increase--in-the-ensuing-school-fiscal-year-The-increase-in 13 average-number-belonging-shall--be--based--on-~estimates--of increased--enroliment--approved--by--the--superintendent--of 14 15 public-instruction-and--shall--be--computed--in--the--manner 16 prescribed-by-20-9-314-17 for--the--initial--year--of-operation-of-a-program established-under-20-7-117(1);-the-ANB-to-be-used-for-budget 18 19 purposes-is-the-same-as-one-half-the--number--of--5-year-old children--residing-in-the-district-as-of-September-10-of-the 20 21 preceding-school-year; -- either--as--shown--on--the--official 22 school--census--or--as--determined--by--some-other-procedure 23 approved-by-the-superintendent-of-public-instruction; 24 (6)--a-special-full-time-pupil;-as-defined-in-20-9-311;

25 in-a-given-school--year--will--no--longer--be--considered--a

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special--full-time--pupil--in--the--ensuing-school-year-tthe 1 2 superintendent-of-public-instruction-may-grant-one--ANB--for 3 such-pupil-for-the-ensuing-school-year;;-or 4 (7)--a--high--school-district-provides-early-graduation 5 for-any-student-who--completes--graduation--requirements--in 6 less--than--eight--semesters--or--the--equivalent--amount-of 7 secondary-school-enrollment-or-when-a-high--school--district 8 provides--early--graduation-for-a-class-of-students-who-have 9 completed--the--reguirements--for---graduation---after---175 10 pupil-instruction-days-in-the-12th-grade--The-increase-shall 11 be--established--by--the--trustees-as-though-the-student-had 12 attended-to--the--end--of--the--school--year--and--shall--be 13 approvedy--disapprovedy-or-adjusted-by-the-superintendent-of 14 public-instruction: 15 (8)--a-high-school--district--is--responsible--for--the 16 tuition--of--a--student--who--has--been--sent-by-court-order 17 outside-the-state-pursuant-to-28-5-311(2)(b)---Upon-approval 18 of-the-superintendent-of-public-instruction;-the-student-may be-considered-one-ANB-* 19 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any 20 21 existing authority of the superintendent of public 22 instruction to make rules on the subject of the provisions

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Out-of-state education costs for foster care will be shifted from the school equalization account to the foster care benefit program within the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.
- 2. The bill does not specify what entity will pay any difference in out-of-state education costs and the average annual indistrict educational cost. It is assumed that SRS will be court-ordered to pay such costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The net impact on the state general fund is zero.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

Local school districts may incur lower expenditures for out-of-state educational costs for foster care if current payments exceed the annual average district cost of educating a child. There is no data available to estimate such cost differences.

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

Section 1(2)(b) does not fix responsibility for payment of any difference in educational costs between foster care facility educational rates and the average rate in the affected local school district.

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

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REFERENCE BILL