

HOUSE BILL 31

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1                    HOUSE BILL NO. 31  
2 INTRODUCED BY Crb

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE GENERAL  
5 BONUS PAYMENT FOR ENLARGED SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE FORMED  
6 THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF  
7 ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION  
8 20-6-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

11            **Section 1.** Section 20-6-401, MCA, is amended to read:

12            "20-6-401. Definitions. As used in this part, unless  
13 the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following  
14 definitions apply:

15            (1) "Component districts" means the elementary or high  
16 school districts incorporated into the an enlarged district.

17            (2) "Eligible pupils" means the average number  
18 belonging (ANB) in the operating schools of the component  
19 districts and the tuition pupils residing in the component  
20 districts and attending another district's school under the  
21 tuition provisions of the school laws, except that the  
22 pupils residing in the component district having the largest  
23 total number of pupils are ineligible for bonus payment  
24 consideration.

25            (3) "Enlarged district" means the elementary or high

1 school district resulting from the consolidation or  
2 annexation of two or more component districts.

3            (4) "General bonus payment" for first- and  
4 second-class school districts must be ~~\$300~~ \$450 per eligible  
5 pupil per year for a period of 3 years and must be deposited  
6 in the enlarged district's general fund. General bonus  
7 payment for third-class school districts must be ~~\$500~~ \$750  
8 per eligible pupil per year for a period of 3 years and must  
9 be deposited in the enlarged district's general fund. The  
10 general bonus payment must be made from the state school  
11 equalization aid account.

12            (5) "Transportation bonus payment" is the provision of  
13 ~~66 2/3%~~ state financing of the on-schedule transportation  
14 amount as provided by the transportation provisions of the  
15 school laws. When an eligible pupil is entitled to  
16 transportation, the enlarged district is entitled to the  
17 transportation bonus payment for the eligible pupil for a  
18 period of 3 years. The transportation bonus payment must be  
19 made from the state transportation aid account. When the  
20 eligible pupil rides a bus providing transportation for  
21 ineligible pupils, the ~~66 2/3%~~ state financing of the  
22 on-schedule amount for this payment must be prorated to  
23 provide financing for the eligible pupil."

24            NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Extension of authority. Any  
25 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the

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1 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of  
2 [this act].

3 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is  
4 effective July 1, 1990.

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