

HOUSE BILL 37

Introduced by Cobb

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1 House BILL NO. 37  
2 INTRODUCED BY Cole

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDUCING  
5 AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO THE MONTANA BOARD OF SCIENCE AND  
6 TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW SEED CAPITAL PROJECT LOANS  
7 AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOANS; AMENDING SECTION  
8 17-6-308, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND  
9 A TERMINATION DATE."

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

12 **Section 1.** Section 17-6-308, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "17-6-308. Authorized investments. (1) Except as  
14 provided in subsections (2) and (3) and subject to the  
15 provisions of 17-6-201, the Montana permanent coal tax trust  
16 fund must be invested as authorized by rules adopted by the  
17 board.

18 (2) The board may make loans from the permanent coal  
19 tax trust fund to the capital reserve account created  
20 pursuant to 17-5-1515 to establish balances or restore  
21 deficiencies in the account. The board may agree in  
22 connection with the issuance of bonds or notes secured by  
23 the account or fund to make the loans. Loans must be on  
24 terms and conditions as the board determines and must be  
25 repaid from revenues of the board realized from the exercise

1 of its powers under 17-5-1501 through 17-5-1518 and  
2 17-5-1521 through 17-5-1529, subject to the prior pledge of  
3 the revenues to the bonds and notes.

4 (3) The Except as provided in subsection (5), the board  
5 shall allow the Montana board of science and technology  
6 development provided for in 2-15-1818 to administer \$7.5  
7 \$3.85 million of the permanent coal tax trust fund for seed  
8 capital project loans and ~~\$5.4~~ \$1.84 million of the  
9 permanent coal tax trust fund for research and development  
10 project loans pursuant only to the provisions of Title 90,  
11 chapter 3. This authority does not extend beyond June 30,  
12 1994, for seed capital project loans and for research and  
13 development project loans. Until the Montana board of  
14 science and technology development makes a loan pursuant to  
15 the provisions of Title 90, chapter 3, the funds under its  
16 administration must be invested by the board of investments  
17 pursuant to the provisions of 17-6-201.

18 (4) The board shall adopt rules to allow a nonprofit  
19 corporation to apply for economic assistance. The rules must  
20 recognize that different criteria may be needed for  
21 nonprofit corporations than for for-profit corporations.

22 (5) The Montana board of science and technology  
23 development may not make new seed capital project loans or  
24 research and development project loans from [the effective  
25 date of this act] through June 30, 1993."

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1        NEW SECTION.   **Section 2.**   Effective date -- termination.  
2   [This act] is effective on passage and approval and  
3   terminates July 1, 1993.

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