HOUSE BILL 175

Introduced by J. Johnson, et al.

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House BILL NO. 175 1 INTRODUCED BY When H 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE 4 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND 5 6 AUDIOLOGISTS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN: AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1849 AND 37-15-203, MCA." 7 8 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: Section 1. Section 2-15-1849, MCA, is amended to read: 10 11 "2-15-1849. Board of speech-language pathologists and 12 audiologists. (1) There is a board of speech-language 13 pathologists and audiologists consisting of seven members. 14 (2) The--board--consists-of-five Five members who shall 15 must:

16 (a) be appointed by the governor with the consent of 17 the senate;

18 (b) have been residents of this state for at least 119 year immediately preceding their appointment; and

(c) have been engaged in rendering services to the
public, teaching, or performing research in the field of
speech-language pathology or audiology for at least 5 years
immediately preceding their appointment.

24 (3) One member must be a certificated, practicing
 25 school administrator in Montana who is appointed by the



1 superintendent of public instruction.

2 (4) One member must be a school trustee currently
3 serving in Montana who is appointed by the president of the
4 Montana school boards association.

5 (3) (5) At least two members of the board shall must be 6 speech-language pathologists, and at least two shall must be 7 audiologists --with--the--remaining. One member to must be a 8 public member who is a consumer of speech-language pathology 9 or audiology services and who is not a licentiate licensee 10 of the board or of any other board within the department. 11 All board members, except the public member, the school 12 administrator, and the school trustee, shall must at all 13 times be validly licensed in speech-language pathology or 14 audiology.

15 (4)(6) Appointments shall-be are for 3-year terms. with 16 no <u>A</u> person eligible--to may not serve more than two full 17 consecutive terms. Terms begin on the first day of the 18 calendar year and end on the last day of the calendar year.

19 (5)(7) The board is allocated to the department for
20 administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

Section 2. Section 37-15-203, MCA, is amended to read:
 "37-15-203. Compensation and expenses. Each (1) Except
 as provided in subsection (2), each board member shall

24 receive compensation and travel expenses as provided for in 25 37-1-133.

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1(2) Compensation and travel expenses for the school2administrator and the school trustee must be paid by the3school district where the administrator and the trustee are

4 serving."

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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 HB0175, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act increasing the membership of the Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists from five to seven.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- Compensation and travel expenses for the school administrator and the school trustee will be paid from school district 1. funds.
- 2. The bill will have no affect on state support for schools through the foundation program or guaranteed tax base aid.
- 3. At four meetings per year, the costs of the two additional members will be \$81 each year, including \$46 for materials and \$35 for conference calls.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact on state support for public schools.

BFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

The school districts from which the Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists members come will incur the increased costs estimated to be about \$81 per year.

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Fiscal Note for HB0175, as introduced