HOUSE BILL 20

Introduced by Mills

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T	HOUSE SIBE NO. 10
2	INTRODUCED BY MILLS
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING STATE
5	FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAFFIC EDUCATION AND MOTORCYCLE
6	SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS; ELIMINATING SUPERVISION BY THE
7	OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR
8	SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAFFIC EDUCATION AND MOTORCYCLE SAFETY
9	TRAINING PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
LO	LICENSE TRAFFIC EDUCATION TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS OF
11	MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING; PROVIDING A LICENSE FEE AND
12	STATE EXAMINATION; PROVIDING FOR LICENSE SUSPENSION AND
13	REVOCATION; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT
14	OF JUSTICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-10-601, 20-3-106, 20-7-503,
15	20-7-507, 61-2-103, 61-5-106, AND 61-5-121, MCA; REPEALING
16	SECTIONS 20-7-501, 20-7-502, 20-7-504, 20-7-505, 20-7-506,
17	20-7-510, 20-7-511, 20-7-512, 20-7-513, 20-7-514, AND
18	20-9-510, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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20	STATEMENT OF INTENT
21	A statement of intent is required for this bill because
22	the bill gives the department of justice authority to adopt
23	administrative rules. It is intended that the department
24	adopt rules regarding the administration of a nationally
25	recognized test for licensure as a traffic education teacher

1	or for licensure as an instructor of motorcycle safet
2	training. The department may also adopt rules regarding
3	license suspension and revocation.
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5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
6	Section 1. Section 3-10-601, MCA, is amended to read:
7	*3-10-601. Collection and disposition of fines
8	penalties, forfeitures, and fees. (1) Each justice of th
9	peace shall collect the fees prescribed by law for justices
10	courts and shall pay them into the county treasury of th
11	county whereinhe in which the justice of the peace hold
12	office, on or before the 10th day of each month, to b
13	credited to the general fund of the county.
14	(2) All fines, penalties, and forfeitures that thi
15	code requires to be imposed, collected, or paid in
16	justice's court must, for each calendar month, be paid b
17	the justice's court on or before the 5th day of th
18	following month to the treasurer of the county in which th
19	justice's court is situated, except that they may b
20	distributed as provided in 44-12-206 if imposed, collected
21	or paid for a violation of Title 45, chapter 9 or 10.
22	(3) The county treasurer shall, in the manner provide
23	in 15-1-504, distribute money received under subsection (2

(a) 50% to the state treasurer; and

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as follows:

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(b) 50% to the county general fund.

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- 2 (4) The state treasurer shall distribute money received
 3 under subsection (3) as follows:
 - (a) 27-88% 61.74% to the state general fund;
- 5 (b) 9.09% to the fish and game account in the state 6 special revenue fund;
- 7 (c) 11.76% to the state highway account in the state 8 special revenue fund;
- 9 (d) 33.86%--to--the--traffic--education--account-in-the

 10 state-special-revenue-fund;
- 11 (e) 0.57% to the department of livestock account in the
 12 state special revenue fund;
- 13 (f)(e) 15.9% to the crime victims compensation account
 14 in the state special revenue fund; and
- 15 $(\mathfrak{g})(\underline{f})$ 0.94% to the department of family services 16 special revenue account for the battered spouses and 17 domestic violence grant program."
- Section 2. Section 20-3-106, MCA, is amended to read:
- 19 ****20-3-106.** Supervision of schools -- powers and duties.
 20 The superintendent of public instruction has the general
 21 supervision of the public schools and districts of the state
 22 and shall perform the following duties or acts in
- 24 (1) resolve any controversy resulting from the 25 proration of costs by a joint board of trustees under the

implementing and enforcing the provisions of this title:

1 provisions of 20-3-362:

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20-6-311:

- 2 (2) issue, renew, or deny teacher certification and 3 emergency authorizations of employment;
- 4 (3) negotiate reciprocal tuition agreements with other 5 states in accordance with the provisions of 20-5-314:
- 6 (4) serve on the teachers' retirement board in 7 accordance with the provisions of 2-15-1010:
- 8 (5) approve or disapprove the orders of a high school 9 boundary commission in accordance with the provisions of
- 11 (6) approve or disapprove the opening or reopening of a school in accordance with the provisions of 20-6-502,
- 13 20-6-503, 20-6-504, or 20-6-505;
- 14 (7) approve or disapprove school isolation within the 15 limitations prescribed by 20-9-302;
- 16 (8) generally supervise the school budgeting procedures 17 prescribed by law in accordance with the provisions of 18 20-9-102 and prescribe the school budget format in
- 19 accordance with the provisions of 20-9-103 and 20-9-506:
- 20 (9) establish a system of communication for calculating
- 21 joint district revenues revenue in accordance with the
- 22 provisions of 20-9-151;
- 23 (10) approve or disapprove the adoption of a district's
- 24 budget amendment resolution under the conditions prescribed
- 25 in 20-9-163 and adopt rules for an application for

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additional direct state aid for a budget amendment in accordance with the approval and disbursement provisions of 20-9-166;

(11) generally supervise the school financial administration provisions as prescribed by 20-9-201(2):

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- 6 (12) prescribe and furnish the annual report forms to
 7 enable the districts to report to the county superintendent
 8 in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-213(5) and the
 9 annual report forms to enable the county superintendents to
 10 report to the superintendent of public instruction in
 11 accordance with the provisions of 20-3-209;
- 12 (13) approve, disapprove, or adjust an increase of the 13 average number belonging (ANB) in accordance with the 14 provisions of 20-9-313 and 20-9-314;
 - (14) distribute BASE aid and special education allowable cost payments in support of the BASE funding program, in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-331, 20-9-333, 20-9-342, 20-9-346, 20-9-347, and 20-9-366 through 20-9-369;
- 19 (15) provide for the uniform and equal provision of 20 transportation by performing the duties prescribed by the 21 provisions of 20-10-112;
- 22 (16) approve or disapprove an adult education program
 23 for which a district proposes to levy a tax in accordance
 24 with the provisions of 20-7-705;
- 25 (17) request, accept, deposit, and expend federal money

- in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-603;
- 2 (18) authorize the use of federal money for the support
- of an interlocal cooperative agreement in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-703 and 20-9-704:
- 5 (19) prescribe the form and contents of and approve or
- 6 disapprove interstate contracts in accordance with the
- 7 provisions of 20-9-705;

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- 8 (20) approve or disapprove the conduct of school on a
- 9 Saturday or on pupil-instruction-related days in accordance
 - with the provisions of 20-1-303 and 20-1-304;
- 11 (21) recommend standards of accreditation for al
- 12 schools to the board of public education and evaluate
- 13 compliance with the standards and recommend accreditation
- 14 status of every school to the board of public education in
- accordance with the provisions of 20-7-101 and 20-7-102;
- 16 (22) collect and maintain a file of curriculum guides
- 17 and assist schools with instructional programs in accordance
- 18 with the provisions of 20-7-113 and 20-7-114;
- 19 (23) establish and maintain a library of visual, aural.
- 20 and other educational media in accordance with the
- 21 provisions of 20-7-201:
- 22 (24) license textbook dealers and initiate prosecution
- 23 of textbook dealers violating the law in accordance with the
- 24 provisions of the textbooks part of this title;
 - (25) as the governing agent and executive officer of the

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2	policies prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions
3	of 20-7-301;
4	(26) supervise and coordinate the conduct of special
5	education in the state in accordance with the provisions of
6	20-7-403;
7	(27) administerthetrafficeducationprogramin
8	accordance-with-the-provisions-of-20-7-502;
9	(28) administer the school food services program in
10	accordance with the provisions of 20-10-201, 20-10-202, and
11	20-10-203;
12	(29)(28) review school building plans and specifications
13	in accordance with the provisions of 20-6-622;
14	(30)(29) prescribe the method of identification and
15	signals to be used by school safety patrols in accordance
16	with the provisions of 20-1-408;
17	(31)(30) provide schools with information and technical
18	assistance for compliance with the student assessment rules
19	provided for in 20-2-121 and collect and summarize the
20	results of the student assessment for the board of public
21	education and the legislature;
22	+92+(31) administer the distribution of guaranteed tax
23	base aid in accordance with 20-9-366 through 20-9-369; and
24	(33) perform any other duty prescribed from time to
25	time by this title, any other act of the legislature, or the

state of Montana for K-12 vocational education, adopt the

- policies of the board of public education."
- Section 3. Section 20-7-503, MCA, is amended to read:
- 3 "20-7-503. District establishment of traffic education
- 4 program. The trustees of any district operating a junior
 5 high school or high school may establish and maintain a
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- traffic education course. The traffic education course shall
- must be:
- (1) for students who are 15 years old or older or will
- 9 have reached their 15th birthday within 6 months of the
- 10 course completion;
- 11 (2) taught by a teacher of traffic education who is
- 12 licensed as provided in [sections 8 through 13];
- 13 (3) conducted in accordance with the basic course
- 14 requirements established by the superintendent-of-public
- 15 instruction department of justice as provided in [section
- 16 8]; and
- 17 (4) taught during regular school hours, after regular
- 18 school hours, on Saturdays, or as a summer school course, at
- 19 the option of the trustees."
- 20 Section 4. Section 20-7-507, MCA, is amended to read:
- 21 "20-7-507. District traffic education fund. The
- 22 trustees of any a district maintaining a traffic education
- 23 course shall establish a special nonbudgeted fund with the
- 24 county treasurer for traffic education. The--state--traffic
- 25 education--reimbursement-and-all-nontax-receipts All revenue

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for traffic education shall must be deposited in the district's traffic education fund. The expenditure of the moneys revenue deposited in the district's traffic education fund shall is not be subject to the budgeting provisions of this title, and the moneys-may revenue must be expended for traffic education."

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Section 5. Section 61-2-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-2-103. Duties. (1) The governor is responsible for the administration of the highway traffic safety program. The governor may contract and do all other things necessary to secure the full benefits available to this state under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, and, in so doing, may cooperate with federal and state agencies, private and public organizations, and individuals to effectuate the purposes of that enactment and all amendments to it. The governor may appoint an administrator of the highway traffic safety program to carry out the governor's responsibilities under this part. For purposes of participation in the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, the governor shall designate the superintendent---of---public---instruction department of justice as the state agency responsible for all the aspects of federally assisted driver education and safety programs in the-public-schools any driver training school or school district approved by the department, including the--approval--of--the--programs; --certification

- licensure of traffic education teachers; and the acceptance,
- 2 allocation, and expenditure of funds for driver education in
- 3 accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations.
- 4 Nothing in this part interferes with the provisions of
- 5 20-9-603 or part 5, chapter 7, of Title 20.
- (2) The department of justice shall:
- 7 (a) advise and assist the governor in all matters of
- 8 highway safety and establish comprehensive training
- 9 programs, including establishment and regulation of driver
- 10 training schools, and certification of the schools and
 - licensure of instructors, and establishment of adult
- 12 training and retraining programs;
- (b) develop and procure practice driving facilities,
- 14 simulators, and other teaching aids for school and driver
- 15 training use;

- 16 (c) establish a continuing and adequate research
- 17 program designed to determine the causes of accidents and
- 18 effect a program of prevention;
- (d) establish a uniform system of driver licensing,
- 20 including mental and physical standards; and
- 21 (e) prescribe and establish safety regulations for
- 22 motor vehicles and operators."
- 23 Section 6. Section 61-5-106, MCA, is amended to read:
- 24 "61-5-106. Instruction and traffic education permits
- 25 and temporary licenses. (1) A person satisfying the age

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requirements specified in 61-5-105(1) may apply to the department for an instruction permit. The department may in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit that entitles the applicant, while having the permit in the applicant's immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways for a period of 6 months when accompanied by a licensed driver who is occupying a seat beside the driver. In addition, the department may issue an instruction permit to any person who is at least 14 1/2 years of age and who has successfully completed or is successfully participating in a traffic education course approved by the department and the-superintendent-of--public--instruction. An instruction permit must be restricted to the operation of a motor vehicle only when accompanied by an approved instructor or licensed parent or quardian and may be further restricted to specific times or areas.

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may in its discretion issue a traffic education permit effective for a school year or more restricted period to an applicant who is enrolled in a traffic education program approved by the department even though the applicant has not reached the legal age to be eligible for a driver's license. The permit entitles the permittee, when the permittee has a

permit in the permittee's immediate possession, to operate only on a designated highway or within a designated area a motor vehicle only when an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the permittee or a motorcycle or quadricycle only when under the immediate and proximate supervision of an approved instructor.

- (3) The department may in its discretion issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for a driver's license permitting the applicant to operate a motor vehicle while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a driver's license. The permit must be in the permittee's immediate possession while operating a motor vehicle, and it is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.
- (4) The department may in its discretion issue a temporary commercial driver's license to an applicant permitting the applicant to operate a commercial motor vehicle while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a commercial driver's license. The temporary license must be in the applicant's immediate possession while operating a commercial motor vehicle and is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused."

- Section 7. Section 61-5-121, MCA, is amended to read:
- 2 "61-5-121. Disposition of fees. (1) The disposition of
- 3 the fees from driver's licenses provided for in
- 4 61-5-111(7)(a), motorcycle endorsements provided for in
- 5 61-5-111(7)(b), commercial driver's licenses provided for in
- 6 61-5-111(7)(c), and duplicate driver's licenses provided for
- 7 in 61-5-114 is as follows:
- 8 (a) The amount of 25% of each driver's license fee and
- 9 of each duplicate driver's license fee must be deposited
- 10 into an account in the state special revenue fund. The
- 11 department shall transfer the funds from this account to the
- 12 Montana highway patrol officers' retirement pension trust
- 13 fund as provided in 19-6-404.
- (b) (i) If the fees are collected by a county treasurer
- 15 or other agent of the department, the amount of 3.75% of
- 16 each driver's license fee and of each duplicate driver's
- 17 license fee must be deposited into the county general fund.
- 18 (ii) If the fees are collected by the department, the
- 19 amount provided for in subsection (1)(b)(i) must be
- 20 deposited into the general fund.
- 21 (c) (i) If the fee is collected by a county treasurer
- 22 or other agent of the department, the amount of 5% of each
- 23 motorcycle endorsement must be deposited into the county
- 24 general fund.
- 25 (ii) If the fee is collected by the department, the

- 1 amount provided for in subsection (1)(c)(i) must be 2 deposited into the general fund.
- 3 (d) The-amount-of-17.5%-of-each--driver-s--license--fee
- 4 and-of-each-duplicate-driver's-license-fee-must-be-deposited
- 5 into-the-state-traffic-education-account:
- 6 tety In addition to the amounts deposited pursuant to
- subsections (1)(b)(ii) and (1)(c)(ii), the amount of 53.75%
- 8 71.25% of each driver's license fee and of each duplicate
- 9 driver's license fee must be deposited into the state
- 10 general fund.
- 11 (f)(e) If the fee is collected by the county treasurer
- or other agent of the department, the amount of 3.75% of
- 13 each commercial driver's license fee must be deposited into
- 14 the county general fund, otherwise all of the fee must be
- 15 deposited in into the state general fund.
- 16 tg)(f) The amount of 95% of each motorcycle endorsement
- 17 fee must be deposited into the -- state-traffic-education
- 18 account-in the state special-revenue general fund.
- 19 (2) (a) If fees from driver's licenses, commercial
- 20 driver's licenses, motorcycle endorsements, and duplicate
- 21 driver's licenses are collected by a county treasurer or
- 22 other agent of the department, the county treasurer or agent
- 23 shall deposit the amounts provided for in subsections
- 24 (1)(b)(i) and (1)(c)(i) into the county general fund. The
- 25 county treasurer or agent shall then remit to the state

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treasurer all remaining fees, together with a statement indicating what portion of each fee is to be deposited into the account in the state special revenue fund as provided in subsection (1)(a)₇-the-state-traffic-education-account; and the state general fund. The state treasurer, upon receipt of the fees and statement, shall deposit the fees as provided in subsections (1)(a) and (1)(d) through fifty (1)(f).

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- (b) If fees from driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, motorcycle endorsements, and duplicate driver's licenses are collected by the department, it shall remit all fees to the state treasurer, together with a statement indicating what portion of each fee is to be deposited into the account in the state special revenue fund as provided in subsection (1)(a), the state special revenue fund, the-state traffic--education--account, and the state general fund. The state treasurer, upon receipt of the fees and statement, shall deposit the fees as provided in subsections (1)(a), (1)(b)(ii), (1)(c)(ii), and (1)(d) through (i)(g) (1)(f)."
- NEW SECTION. Section 8. Definitions. As used in [sections 8 through 13], unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:
- 22 (1) "Department" means the department of justice as
 23 provided in 2-15-2001.
- 24 (2) "Instructor of motorcycle safety training" means an 25 instructor approved and licensed by the department to

- 1 conduct motorcycle safety training.
- 2 (3) "Motorcycle safety training" means a course for 3 beginning and experienced motorcycle riders that includes 4 both classroom and on-road components and that is designed 5 to teach motorcyclists how to safely operate their vehicles.

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- 6 (4) "Teacher of traffic education" means an instructor
 7 approved and licensed by the department to teach traffic
 8 education.
 - (5) "Traffic education" means instruction in:
- 10 (a) motor vehicle, pedestrian, and motorcycle laws;
- 11 (b) the acceptance of personal responsibility while
 12 using the public highways;
- 13 (c) the causes and consequences of traffic accidents;
 14 and
- 15 (d) the skills necessary for the safe operation of 16 bicycles and motor vehicles or motorcycles.
- NEW SECTION. **Section 9.** Duties of department for traffic education and motorcycle safety training programs.
- 19 The department shall:

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20 (1) establish the qualifications for teachers of
21 traffic education and instructors of motorcycle safety
22 training. Qualifications for instructors of motorcycle
23 safety training must be based on national standards
24 promulgated by the motorcycle safety foundation or a similar

organization recognized by the department.

- (2) approve and license teachers of traffic education and instructors of motorcycle safety training when the teachers or instructors are qualified; and
- (3) in cooperation with other state, local government, and private agencies, promote safety and awareness in the use and operation of motorcycles through action appropriate to the agencies' purposes and goals, including the advertising and encouragement of motorcycle safety training.
- NEW SECTION. Section 10. License required. (1) A person may not represent to the public that the person is a teacher of traffic education or an instructor of motorcycle safety training unless the person is licensed under the provisions of [sections 8 through 13].
- (2) After application for a license and payment of the fee required in [section 12], an applicant must be granted a license as a teacher of traffic education or an instructor of motorcycle safety training if the person:
- 18 (a) is at least 18 years old;

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- 19 (b) is a citizen of the United States;
 - (c) is of good moral character;
- 21 (d) has a high school diploma from an accredited high 22 school or its equivalent; and
- 23 (e) has successfully passed an examination conducted by
 24 the department that tests the applicant's general knowledge
 25 of traffic education or motorcycle safety training as

- defined in {section 8}.
- 2 NEW SECTION. Section 11. Terms of license -- renewal
- 3 -- fee. (1) The license of a teacher of traffic education or
- 4 an instructor of motorcycle safety training expires at
- 5 midnight on March 1 of each year and is renewable only after
- 6 payment of a renewal fee.
- 7 (2) At any time within 2 years after the expiration
- 8 date, a teacher of traffic education or an instructor of
- 9 motorcycle safety training whose license has expired may
- 10 obtain a renewal license without examination upon payment of
- 11 a license renewal fee to the department.
- 12 NEW SECTION. Section 12. Fees. (1) The department
- 13 shall adopt and charge nonrefundable application, license,
- 14 and license renewal fees that are commensurate with the
- 15 costs of administering [sections 8 through 13].
- 16 (2) The department shall deposit the fees collected
- 17 under this section in the state special revenue fund for the
- 18 use of the department in administering (sections 8 through
- 19 13].
- 20 NEW SECTION. Section 13. Suspension or revocation of
- 21 license -- refusal of application -- notice -- hearing --
- 22 judicial review. (1) The license of a teacher of traffic
- 23 education or an instructor of motorcycle safety training may
- 24 be suspended for a fixed period or may be revoked if, after
- 25 a hearing before the department, it has been determined by

competent evidence that the licensee:

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- 2 (a) has obtained the license by fraudulent
 3 representation;
- 4 (b) employs misrepresentation, false promises, or 5 misleading advertising for the purpose of directly or 6 indirectly obtaining business;
- 7 (c) is incompetent for any reason to act as a teacher 8 of traffic education or an instructor of motorcycle safety 9 training;
- 10 (d) has allowed the license to be used by an unlicensed
 11 person;
- 12 (e) has violated the provisions of [sections 8 through 13 13] or any rule adopted by the department that relates to 14 traffic education or motorcycle safety training;
 - (f) has willfully or negligently aided or abetted another person in violating the provisions of [sections 8 through 13] or any rule adopted by the department that relates to traffic education or motorcycle safety training;
- 19 (g) has failed to provide, within a reasonable amount
 20 of time, information requested by the department relating to
 21 a formal complaint filed with the department involving the
 22 licensee: or
- 23 (h) has been adjudicated by a decree of court to be seriously mentally ill.
- 25 (2) (a) Before refusing an application for licensure or

- l suspending or revoking a license, the department shall
- 2 notify the applicant, teacher of traffic education, or
- instructor of motorcycle safety training by mail not less
- 4 than 30 days before taking any action. The notice must
- 5 advise the applicant, teacher of traffic education, or
- 6 instructor of motorcycle safety training of the intended
- 7 action and must include a statement that the applicant,
- 8 teacher of traffic education, or instructor of motorcycle
- 9 safety training may request a hearing within 20 days of
- 10 receipt of the notice.

- 11 (b) If the applicant, teacher of traffic education, or
- 12 instructor of motorcycle safety training requests a hearing
- 13 within that period, a hearing must be granted and the
- 14 contested case provisions of the Montana Administrative
- 15 Procedure Act apply to the hearing.
- 16 (c) A person who is aggrieved by a final decision in a
- 17 contested case is entitled to judicial review under the
- 18 Montana Administrative Procedure Act.
- 19 NEW SECTION. Section 14. Codification instruction.
- 20 [Sections 8 through 13] are intended to be codified as an
 - integral part of Title 61, chapter 5, and the provisions of
- 22 Title 61, chapter 5, apply to [sections 8 through 13].
- NEW SECTION. Section 15. Repealer. Sections 20-7-501,
- 24 20-7-502, 20-7-504, 20-7-505, 20-7-506, 20-7-510, 20-7-511,
- 25 20-7-512, 20-7-513, 20-7-514, and 20-9-510, MCA, are

- 1 repealed.
- 2 NEW SECTION. Section 16. Effective date. [This act] is
- 3 effective July 1, 1994.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB20, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act eliminating state funding for school district traffic education and motorcycle safety training programs; eliminating supervision by the Office of Public Instruction for school district traffic education and motorcycle safety training programs; requiring the Department of Justice to license traffic education teachers and instructors of motorcycle safety training; providing a license fee and state examination; providing for license suspension and revocation; granting rule making authority to the Department of Justice; amending and repealing various sections; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Receipts to the Traffic and Safety Education account (AE 02402) totaled \$1,650,971 in fiscal 1993. These receipts included \$1,059,731 from fines and forfeitures, \$492,656 from driver's license fees, and \$26,947 from motorcycle endorsements. Revenues from these three sources would be transferred to the general fund in fiscal 1995 under House Bill 20. The revenue gain to the general fund is estimated to be \$1,600,000 for fiscal 1995.
- 2. House Bill 20 repeals the \$2.50 annual motorcycle registration fee imposed by 20-9-514. This fee generated \$59,282 in fiscal 1993. House Bill 20 also repeals the authority of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to charge a fee for motorcycle safety training courses. Motorcycle safety training courses generated \$11,935 in fiscal 1993.
- 3. The Office of Public Instruction would no longer administer the Traffic and Safety Education program. The fiscal 1995 budget for this program is estimated to be \$410,000 with 4.00 FTE.
- 4. Assume that section 12 means that any new costs of administering this bill by the Department of Justice must be recovered by a license fee.
- 5. Assume that 300 licenses will be issued or renewed each year to instructors, and each instructor will pay \$500 for that license, creating a new revenue source of \$150,000.
- 6. Assume that three new FTE's will be needed by the Department of Justice to perform the functions outlined in HB 20.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

Department of Justice	FY '94			FY '95			
	Current Law	Proposed Law	<u>Difference</u>	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	
Personal Services	3,925,000	3,925,000	0	3,990,000	4,090,000	100,000	
Operating	2,319,000	2,319,000	0	2,651,000	2,681,000	30,000	
Equipment	101,000	101,000	0	101,000	113,000	12,000	
Total	6,345,000	6,345,000	0	6,742,000	6,884,000	142,000	

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DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR

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Fiscal Note for HB20, as introduced

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HB 20

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	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	
Personal Services	4,944,450	4,733,529	(210,921)	5,024,951	4,812,191	(212,760)	
Operating	4,960,982	4,762,283	(198,699)	4,358,238	4,155,047	(203,191)	
Equipment	177,639	177,639	0	183,984	183,984	0	
Grants, Transfers, Local Asst.	990,526	<u>990,526</u>	0_	97,916	97,916	0_	
Total	11,073,597	10,663,977	(409,620)	9,665,089	9,249,138	(415,951)	
Revenues:							
		FY '94			FY '95		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	<u>Difference</u>	
Drivers' License:							
General Fund	1,510,000	1,510,000	0	1,510,000	2,030,000	520,000	
Traffic Education SSR	520,000	520,000	0	520,000	0	(520,000)	
H.P. Retire. SSR	740,000	740,000	0	740,000	740,000	0	
Fines and Forfeitures:							
General Fund	889,260	889,260	0	889,260	1,969,260	1,080,000	
Traffic Education SSR	1,080,000	1,080,000	0	1,080,000	0	(1,080,000)	
Motorcycle Registration Fee:							
Traffic Education SSR	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	0	(60,000)	
Motorcycle training fees:							
Traffic Education SSR	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0	(12,000)	
Instructor License:							
SSR	0	O	0	0	150,000	150,000	
Total	4,811,260	4,811,260	0	4,811,260	4,889,260	78,000	

FY '95

FY '94

<u>Net Impact:</u> The general fund would increase revenue in FY 1995 by \$1,600,000 with a \$1,672,000 decrease in the traffic education SSR. New revenues would be generated in FY 1995 through an Instructor's license of \$150,000 with offsetting expenses of \$142,000.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES: School districts would not receive a distribution of drivers' education funds from Office of Public Instruction.

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TECHNICAL NOTES: House Bill 20 repeals the authority of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to charge for Motorcycle Training Courses and the motorcycle registration fee imposed by 20-7-514, MCA. It is not clear whether this authority and fees have been transferred to the Department of Justice.

The language in Section 5 of the bill leaves in language that says, "Nothing in this part interferes with the provisions of 20-9-603 or part 5, chapter 7, of Title 20." The reference to part 5, chapter 7, of Title 20 should be deleted.

DEDICATION OF REVENUE: Driving/motorcycle Instructors:

- a) Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay? No.
- b) What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund? None.
- c) Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program/activity that is intended? X Yes ____ No (if no, explain)
- d) Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist? X Yes
 No The account has not been created yet. It will be created if H.B. 20 passes as introduced.
- e) Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending? According to H.B. 20, the fees are designed to just cover the expenses of this small function.
- f) Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need? Yes. Driver's and motorcycle education has always been a recognized need.
- g) How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency?

 No efficiencies or inefficiencies created and could be accounted for in the general fund, assuming the function is adequately funded.