

House BILL NO. 300

INTRODUCED BY

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCLUDING FIVE MORE COUNTIES IN SEISMIC RISK ZONE 3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THOSE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PLANS; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-7-1101, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 20-7-1101, MCA, is amended to read:

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(b) seismic risk zone 2, subject to moderate earthquake damage: Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Flathead, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Judith Basin, Lake, Liberty, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Ravalli, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, and Wheatland Counties; and

(c) seismic risk zone 1, subject to minor earthquake damage: Big Horn, Blaine, Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone Counties.

(2) A school district in seismic risk zone 3 shall establish and implement an earthquake emergency plan and procedures, in cooperation with the disaster and emergency services division of the department of military affairs and the superintendent of public instruction, that include:

- (a) protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake;
- (b) assurance that the students and staff of the district are aware of and properly trained in earthquake emergency procedures; and
- (c) the practice of at least four earthquake drills during the pupil-instruction days of a school fiscal year, including:

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0300, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act including five more counties in seismic risk zone 3 for the purpose of requiring the school districts in those counties to establish and implement earthquake emergency plans.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All counties are presently included in one of three seismic risk zones. House Bill 300 moves five counties from seismic risk zone 2 (moderate earthquake damage) to seismic risk zone 3 (major earthquake damage).
2. A school district within seismic risk zone 3 has more extensive emergency planning requirements than school districts in zones 1 and 2. More staff time will be spent developing earthquake emergency plans by those districts that are classified as zone 3 by this legislation. The existing coordination between OPI, State Fire Marshall, and Disaster and Emergency Services Division will continue.
3. Schools in the added counties will be responsible for conducting earthquake drills. The drills will or may be incorporated into the existing eight required fire drills. The earthquake drills will add about three minutes to the fire drill.
4. The added school districts will be responsible for establishing and implementing an earthquake emergency plan, in cooperation with Disaster and Emergency Services Division and OPI.
5. Minimal staff resources at the Office of Public Instruction are allocated to helping districts develop earthquake emergency plans.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

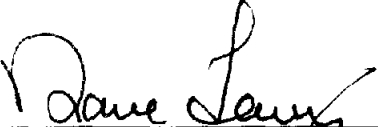
EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

School districts in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula and Sanders counties will be required to develop more extensive earthquake emergency plans as a result of located in high-risk seismic zones. The district will incur some cost from having to develop more extensive plans.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Presumably, school district personnel and school children will be more prepared to deal with an earthquake.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

 1-24-95
DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

 1-25-95
GAY MASOLO, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

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