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\*\*\*\* Bill No. \*\*\*\*

Introduced By \*\*\*\*\*

By Request of the \*\*\*\*\*

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act creating a demographic, economic, and government trend analysis interim committee to conduct a study of the potential long-term effects of demographic, economic, social, and other trends in Montana on state and local governmental programs and services and on state and local revenue systems; requiring the department of revenue to assist the committee in certain aspects of the study; requiring state agencies to provide certain information to the department of revenue; and providing effective dates, an applicability date, and a termination date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Demographic, economic, and governmental trend analysis interim committee.** (1) There is a demographic, economic, and government trend analysis interim committee.

(2) The members of the committee are:

(a) four members of the revenue and transportation interim committee appointed by the presiding officer of the revenue and transportation interim committee, in consultation with the vice presiding officer of the revenue and transportation interim committee, as follows:

(i) two members of the house, one from the majority party and one from the minority party; and

(ii) two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party; and

(b) four members of the legislative finance committee appointed by the presiding officer of the legislative finance committee, in consultation with the vice presiding officer of the legislative finance committee, as follows:

(i) two members of the house, one from the majority party and one from the minority party; and

(ii) two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.

(3) The committee must be appointed on or before July 1, 2009.

(4) (a) The committee shall select its presiding officers from among its members at the first meeting of the committee.

(b) The committee shall establish operating procedures for the interim.

(4) The committee shall conduct a detailed study of the potential long-term effects of demographic, economic, social, and other trends in Montana on state and local governmental programs and services and on state and local revenue systems.

(5) (a) The committee shall complete an inventory of the level of and expenditures for the following Montana state and local governmental services and programs as follows:

(i) K-12 public education;

(ii) Montana university system;

(iii) health and human services, including mental health services;

(iv) law enforcement and public safety;

(v) recreation;

(vi) transportation services;

(vii) state and local employee retirement and health insurance systems; and

(viii) other state and local government programs and services that the committee considers appropriate.

(b) The committee shall evaluate how the provision of governmental services, programs, and benefits are affected by the demographics of the recipients, users, or beneficiaries of the services, programs, and benefits.

(6) (a) The committee shall complete an inventory of existing tax and other revenue sources of Montana state and local governments as follows:

(i) individual income taxes;

(ii) corporation taxes;

(iii) natural resource taxes;

(iv) property taxes;

(v) state reimbursements to local governments and school districts;

(vi) other state and local taxes and fees that the committee considers appropriate; and

(vii) federal revenue by purpose or expenditure category.

(b) The committee shall complete an inventory of existing state and local tax incentives and tax relief provisions;

(7) (a) The committee shall undertake an analysis of the state's economy, including but not limited to:

- (i) personal consumption trends;
- (ii) business and industry trends;
- (iii) government trends;
- (iii) labor force trends.

(b) The analysis conducted under this subsection (7) may consider regional trends within the Montana and the effects of national and international economies on state.

(8) (a) The committee shall conduct an analysis of recent demographic trends in Montana, including but not limited to:

- (i) natural population changes;
- (ii) patterns of in-migration and out-migration;
- (iii) location of the state's population in rural and urban areas.

(b) The committee may compare Montana demographic trends with national demographic trends.

(9) Using the best information available, the committee shall forecast by appropriate age groups demographic changes in Montana through the year 2030.

(10) The committee shall, for the same time period examined in subsection (9), evaluate how the interrelationship of demographic, economic, social, national, and international trends may affect:

- (a) the ability of state and local governments to provide sufficient levels of services and programs examined under subsection (5);

(b) the sustainability of state and local revenue systems;  
and

(c) the state's economy.

(11) The committee shall complete the study through one or more of the following:

(a) studies authorized or conducted by the committee;

(b) existing studies completed by reputable and reliable experts.

(12) (a) The department of revenue shall assist the committee in evaluating individual income taxes by providing state individual income tax return data by taxpayer age to the legislative fiscal division. The data may be provided by geographic regions within the state. The department shall provide the information to the legislative fiscal division in the same manner as provided in 5-12-303(3)(a).

(b) (i) The department of revenue may request individual social security numbers and age information from other state agencies or from the federal social security administration.

(ii) On written request from the department of revenue to the director or elected official of a state agency, the state agency shall provide social security numbers and age information to the department.

(c) If the committee directs the department of revenue to provide individual income tax data to an entity other than the legislative fiscal division, the department may not provide individual income tax return information or any other confidential information to the entity, but shall aggregate data

by income brackets and ages of taxpayers to ensure that no individual taxpayer information is disclosed.

(d) The department of revenue shall determine the statistical validity of the information provided to the legislative fiscal division or other entity.

(e) The provisions of 5-12-303(2) apply to any person receiving confidential records and information from a state agency.

(13) The committee shall seek the advice and assistance from representatives of aging services groups, agriculture, business and labor, education organizations, the governor's office, hospitals and other health care providers, insurance groups and actuaries, local governments, Native Americans, state agencies, including the Montana university system, taxpayer groups, other entities the committee considers appropriate, and members of the public.

(14) The committee is attached to the legislative services division. The personnel, data, and facilities of the legislative services division and other appropriate legislative entities must be made available to the committee.

(15) On or before December 1, 2010, the committee shall issue a report on the committee's findings. In the report, the committee may recommend that additional study or the monitoring and updating of findings be undertaken in the ensuing legislative interim or interims.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date. (1)**

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Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is effective July 1, 2009.

(2) [Section 1 (2) and (3)] are effective June 1, 2009.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to legislators appointed to the revenue and transportation interim committee or to the legislative finance committee in 2009.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. {standard} Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2011.

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