

## SENATE BILL NO. 273

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A MONTANA SCHOOL OF  
5 RURAL MEDICINE ON THE CAMPUS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BILLINGS; CREATING AN  
6 ADVISORY PLANNING COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
7 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PLAN FOR CREATION OF THE SCHOOL OF RURAL  
8 MEDICINE; AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL,  
9 TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AND PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS, DONATIONS, AND FUNDING FROM OTHER  
10 STATES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2006, TO PLAN FOR CREATION OF THE SCHOOL OF RURAL MEDICINE;  
11 AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH  
12 OTHER STATES TO PLEDGE MONEY TOWARD THE CREATION OF THE SCHOOL OF RURAL MEDICINE  
13 AND REQUIRING CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE A REVERSION PROVISION; PROVIDING A LIMIT ON STATE  
14 APPROPRIATIONS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007; REQUIRING A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON  
15 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2006; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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19 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Montana school of rural medicine -- legislative intent.** (1) There is  
20 established at the campus of Montana state university-Billings a Montana school of rural medicine.

21 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the Montana school of rural medicine represent a new model  
22 for training, attracting, and retaining highly skilled physicians and encouraging world-class medical technology  
23 with a focus on community-based rural medicine and streamlining programs in both medicine and higher  
24 education by creating programs and partnerships with local hospitals, clinics, educational institutions, and  
25 surrounding states to provide greater access to medical services to Montana's and the region's underserved  
26 populations.

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28 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Montana school of rural medicine advisory planning council --**  
29 **membership -- duties -- matching funds.** (1) There is a ~~12-member~~ 13-MEMBER Montana school of rural  
30 medicine advisory planning council.

- 1 (2) Members of the council shall serve staggered 3-year terms and must include:
- 2 (a) an economic development officer or designee appointed by the governor;
- 3 (b) two members representing the health care industry appointed by the governor;
- 4 (c) two members representing health care providers appointed by the board of regents;
- 5 (d) ~~two members~~ ONE MEMBER from Montana state university-Billings appointed by the board of regents;
- 6 (e) an economic development officer appointed by the board of regents;
- 7 (F) ONE MEMBER FROM MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS;
- 8 (G) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON, WYOMING, ALASKA, MONTANA, IDAHO (WWAMI) MEDICAL
- 9 TRAINING PROGRAM APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS;
- 10 ~~(f)~~(H) two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, each from a different
- 11 political party; and
- 12 ~~(g)~~(I) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 13 representatives, each from a different political party.
- 14 (3) The council shall:
- 15 (a) plan for the creation, including the projected costs and resource needs, of the Montana school of
- 16 rural medicine established in [section 1]; and
- 17 (b) present a report to the appropriate legislative committee on the creation of the Montana school of
- 18 rural medicine on or before December 31, 2006.
- 19 (4) The council is allocated to the office of the commissioner of higher education for administrative
- 20 purposes only as provided in 2-15-121. On behalf of the planning council, the commissioner of higher education
- 21 may, until December 31, 2006:
- 22 (a) accept federal and private grants, gifts, donations, and funding from other states to plan for
- 23 implementation of the Montana school of rural medicine; and
- 24 (b) enter into contracts with the federal government, other states, and private individuals in which the
- 25 state pledges a \$1 match for each \$3 pledged from federal, state, and private sources to support the creation
- 26 of the Montana school of rural medicine. Any contract signed must include a provision for the reversion of
- 27 money pledged from federal, state, and private sources if the plan for the Montana school of rural medicine is
- 28 not implemented.
- 29 (5) On or after January 1, 2007, the state's appropriation in any biennium to support the creation and
- 30 operations of the Montana school of rural medicine may not exceed 25% of the total amount raised during that

1 biennium from federal and private grants, gifts, donations, and funding from other states.

2 (6) Each member of the planning council is entitled to compensation and reimbursement for travel  
3 expenses as provided in 2-15-122(5).

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
6 integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 2, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 2, apply to [section 1].

7 (2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 15, and the  
8 provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 15, apply to [section 2].

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Contingent voidness.** If at least \$250,000 is not appropriated to the board  
11 of regents to support the Montana school of rural medicine advisory planning council, then [this act] is void.

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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