

Amendments to House Bill No. 435  
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Requested by Representative Gary Branae

For the House Education Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 10.

**Following:** "INSTITUTIONS"

**Insert:** "OR, WITH DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES, STUDENTS  
ATTENDING MONTANA PRIVATE COLLEGES"

2. Title, page 1, line 15.

**Following:** "STUDENT"

**Insert:** "OR IF A RECIPIENT BECOMES INELIGIBLE; PROVIDING THAT  
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING IS A STATE OBLIGATION"

3. Page 1, line 25.

**Following:** "institutions"

**Insert:** "and Montana's private colleges"

4. Page 2, line 4.

**Following:** "program"

**Insert:** "-- duties of council"

5. Page 2, lines 8 and 9.

**Strike:** subsection (2) in its entirety

**Insert:** "(2) The council shall review the lists and applications  
submitted in accordance with procedures adopted by the board  
pursuant to [section 5]. From those lists and applications,  
the council shall prepare and submit a final list of  
qualified scholarship recipients to the board. Following  
consultation with the council, the board shall pay for  
scholarships awarded to qualified recipients."

6. Page 2, line 13.

**Following:** line 12

**Insert:** "(4) Funds from public sources may not be used to pay  
for scholarships to students enrolled in Montana private  
colleges.

(5) Funds from private sources must be deposited into  
an account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-  
102 to be used by the board to pay for scholarships for students  
enrolled in Montana private colleges."

7. Page 2.

**Following:** line 15

**Insert:** "(1) "Accredited" means that a school complies with the standards for accreditation of schools established by the board of public education pursuant to 20-7-102."

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

8. Page 2, line 25.

**Insert:** "(6) "Montana private college" means a nonprofit private educational institution as defined in 15-30-163(3)(b).

(7) "Nontraditional student" means a first-time student who enters a postsecondary institution or Montana private college more than 3 years after high school graduation."

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

9. Page 3, line 23.

**Following:** "Montana"

**Strike:** "public"

**Insert:** "accredited"

**Following:** "schools"

**Insert:** ", including accredited nonpublic high schools,"

10. Page 3.

**Following:** line 24

**Insert:** "(b) where possible, procedures for obtaining lists of nontraditional students or recipients of general educational development equivalency diplomas in the current year;

(c) procedures for an application process and, upon recommendation of the council, eligibility criteria for at-large students;"

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

11. Page 3, line 29.

**Following:** "institutions"

**Insert:** "and Montana private colleges"

12. Page 4, line 2.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or the Montana private college"

13. Page 4, line 3.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

14. Page 4, line 5.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or Montana private college"

15. Page 4, line 6.

**Following:** "institution's"

**Insert:** "or Montana private college's"

16. Page 4, line 8.

**Following:** "procedures"

**Insert:** ":

(a) "

17. Page 4, line 9.

**Following:** "another"

**Insert:** "or from a Montana private college to a postsecondary institution"

**Following:** "scholarship"

**Insert:** "; and

(b) to ensure compliance with [section 2(4)] if a student transfers from a postsecondary institution to a Montana private college"

18. Page 4, line 14.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or, subject to the provisions of [section 2(4)], at a Montana private college"

19. Page 4, line 16.

**Strike:** "subsection (6)"

**Insert:** "subsections (6) and (7) and the availability of funds from private sources"

20. Page 4, line 19.

**Following:** "institutions"

**Insert:** "or Montana private colleges"

21. Page 4, lines 20 and 21.

**Following:** "Montana's" on line 20

**Strike:** "180" through "public" on line 21

**Insert:** "accredited"

**Following:** "schools" on line 21

**Insert:** ", including accredited nonpublic high schools,"

**Following:** "institution" on line 21

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

22. Page 4, line 22.

**Following:** line 21

**Insert:** "(c) a merit-based scholarship of \$1,000 a year awarded to one graduate of each of Montana's accredited high schools, including accredited nonpublic high schools, who enrolls in a 2-year postsecondary institution;"

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

23. Page 4, line 22.

**Strike:** "250"

**Insert:** "70"

24. Page 4, lines 24 and 25.

**Following:** "to" on line 24

**Strike:** remainder of line 24 through "enrolls" on line 25

**Insert:** "180 students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students, who enroll"

25. Page 4, lines 26 and 27.

**Following:** "100"

**Strike:** remainder of line 26 through "graduates" on line 27

**Insert:** "students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students,"

26. Page 4, lines 29 and 30.

**Following:** "220"

**Strike:** remainder of line 29 through "graduates" on line 30

**Insert:** "students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students,"

27. Page 5, line 5.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

28. Page 5, line 9.

**Following:** "institution's"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college's"

29. Page 5, line 12.

**Following:** "institution's"

**Insert:** "or the Montana private college's"

30. Page 5, line 14.

**Strike:** "(2)(d)"

**Insert:** "(2)(c) or if a recipient of a scholarship becomes ineligible for renewal of a scholarship"

31. Page 5, line 16.

**Following:** line 15

**Insert:** "(7) Except for funds donated from private sources, the obligation for funding the governor's best and brightest postsecondary scholarship program is an obligation of the state. This section may not be construed to require the board to provide a scholarship to an eligible student without a line item appropriation from the state to the board."

32. Page 5, line 19.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

33. Page 5, line 26.

**Following:** "policy"

**Insert:** "or those eligibility criteria established by the board upon recommendation by the council pursuant to [section 5(2)(c)]"

34. Page 5, line 28.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

35. Page 6, line 2.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

36. Page 6, line 3.

**Following:** "and"

**Insert:** ", except for extenuating circumstances as determined by the board"

37. Page 6, line 8.

**Following:** "institution"

**Insert:** "or a Montana private college"

38. Page 6, line 9.

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39. Page 6, line 15.

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